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Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To sleep or nor to sleep

Last Friday 62 children decided to participate in our annual sleepover, which focused on the life of Leonardo da Vinci. During the evening the children wrote code messages using mirrors, explored art work inspired by da Vinci and made parachutes and helicopters. However, the highlight was the hide and seek sessions. It is incredible, and a little worrying, how the children know so many secret places. Maybe what we should have done is play hide and seek at bed time as they were a lot quieter than when asked to sleep.

A huge thank you to Mr Neary, Mrs Sandon-Webb, Mrs Carter, Mrs McGrath and Mrs Gill for making this happen.

Young Voices Return

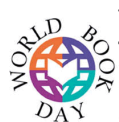
I am so grateful to the children who participated in our informal concert at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday as the children sang a selection of the songs they learnt for the Young Voices concert. Mr Parsons led the choir as he accompanied the children on the piano.

We have lots of incredibly kind words from the audience. It was lovely to hear the children sing and they clearly enjoyed themselves.

Tyres Required

Our key stage two children would like me to install a tyre walk for them now. They are a little jealous of the younger children. So if you have, or can get hold of, old car tyres, I would appreciate it if you could donate them to school. Thank you.

World Book Day



This year to celebrate "World Book Day" on **Thursday 7th March**, the children can come dressed as characters from traditional tales, there will be no charge for this.

School Disco

On **Friday 22nd March** Oak, Ash, Rowan will have their disco from 5pm-6pm with Beech, Maple Explorers, Maple Investigators, Elm and Willow having theirs from 6.15pm-7.15pm.

Tickets cost £2.50 each. If you have more than two children in the same family, you will need a £5 family ticket. Crisps and biscuits will be on sale at 30p a pack, but squash will be free. Tickets will be on sale from the office from **Monday 4th March**. Face painting will be available on the night free of charge. If you do not wish for your child/ren to have their face painted, please let the PPSA know on the night when you sign your child in to the disco.



Thank you to all the parents who are regularly using our SchoolsBuddy site for consent to trips, payments, booking after school clubs, emails messages and to access diary information to name a few things. There are a few parents who have said that they are having problems accessing some of the SchoolsBuddy site and facilities, including paying for certain trips. To assist with problem solving please check the following:

- Whether using the internet through your phone, a tablet or computer you should go to settings and allow 'pop-ups'.
- We have been advised that SchoolsBuddy works better through Google Chrome rather than by using Internet Explorer.
- If you are experiencing difficulty accessing the site through the internet, on your phone, we have been advised by SchoolsBuddy that by downloading the SchoolsBuddy app this should alleviate any problems as well as be more 'user friendly'.

<https://www.schoolsbuddy.com/our-mobile-apps/>

If you have forgotten your SchoolsBuddy login and/or password please pop into the office and they will be able to re-set this for you.

If you are still experiencing difficulty please come to the office and we will endeavour to assist you with setting this facility up to ensure you do not miss out.

GB Athlete Visit

A GB athlete will be visiting the school on Thursday 7th March. They have asked if the children in Year 1 – 6 could get at least £2 each in sponsorship on the forms that were sent home with the children. Please could the children return the forms and money to their class teacher when we return to school on Tuesday 26th February. Thank you.

SPAG Fact

Grammatical Feature : Dash

Definition : Punctuation which indicates a stronger pause than a comma. Can be used like a comma or bracket to add parenthesis.

Example : I stood—waiting - waiting—waiting.

The woman - only 25 years old - was the first to win a gold medal for Britain.



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Flute and Clarinet Lessons for KS2

If your child is interested in learning the clarinet or flute, lessons are £55 for 10 sessions per term for a group lesson or £125 for 10 sessions per term for an individual lesson. Please contact the school office for further details.

Cello Lessons for KS2

If your child is interested in learning the cello, please contact West Sussex Music Service for further details on 08452 082182 or visit their website www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=home

Red Noses

Red noses are now on sale from the school office, the cost this year is £1.25 each.

The small was ~~more~~ incredible. The creaking wood alone made his
nose shiver up.

The eyes stopped shut, darkness pilled the mask! If the
peculiar noise had stopped, he would think his short
life had come to a dramatic end "Dum, dum, dum ... Dum,
dum, dum..." It was getting louder, louder **BANG!** Light
burst in; he shielded his eyes with his sun burnt
hands. Slowly the environment developed around him: green
trees came in to focus; their tall dark, trunks towered over
the cold, wet mud.

With horror, he noticed the decapitated corpses lying
motionless on the soft floor. The mud made a thick coating
over the skin, which was peeling of the split and rotten bones.
He noticed the mask scattered all around, some still adhered to
their owners face. He had not noticed the abnormal noise fade
and eventually disappear. Silt seeps dug in to the mangled flesh

By Jacques



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Lent Plastic Challenge



For Anglicans Lent is the time when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, facing challenge and temptation. It is a time when we reflect on God's purpose for our life. This year we challenge you to give up single-use plastics – to reduce the actions which damage God's Creation.				6 Ash Wednesday Isaiah 24:4-5 'The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants'		7 Give up disposable cups & drinks in plastic bottles Carry a travel mug or water bottle. Get a reusable bottle, fill it up with tap water before leaving the house, and refill it wherever you happen to be.		8 Bring your own reusable bags Plastic bags and produce bags in particular are often used for minutes before being discarded. Most plastic bags are not recycled, ending up in landfills.		9 Carry your own non-plastic cutlery Plastic disposable cutlery and straws are among the worst plastic pollution culprits. Get in the habit of carrying your own cutlery with you and leaving a set in the car.	
Over 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic have been produced since the 1950s. That's enough plastic to cover every inch of the UK ankle-deep more than ten times over. Just 9% was recycled.											
'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth' The Anglican Communion's Fifth Mark of Mission.											
Share your journey with others on the Plastic-Less Living Facebook Group											
Food & drink	Sunday 10 March Psalms 104: 25-30 'There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.'	11 Buy in bulk to minimize or eliminate packaging This goes for food and drink as well as cleaning supplies, toiletries, hardware items – anything that may come in plastic packaging.	12 Avoid overpackaged, processed, canned and frozen convenience foods Stay clear of the three tomatoes sitting on a Styrofoam tray and covered in plastic cellophane.	13 Buy fresh bread that comes in either paper bags or no bags This eliminates plastic wrapping waste from shop bought bread and you help support local businesses.	14 Choose milk in returnable glass bottles Many areas have local dairies that provides milk in returnable glass bottles rather than plastic or plastic-coated cardboard.	15 Use non-plastic containers for food—lunches, leftovers, freezing, storage, take-out, travelling... Request takeaways use your container instead of their disposable one. Take a container when you buy meat, fish or cheese.	16 Shop at markets Fresh food markets are not only often cheaper and fresher than supermarkets but they sell fruit and vegetables loose. Don't forget to take your reusable bags.				
	By 2050 we could have more plastic than fish (by weight) in the sea.										
Bathroom	Sunday 17 March Every day millions of microplastics enter the sea from toiletry products.	18 Look around your bathroom and see what plastics you can replace Do you have plastic bottles sitting in the shower? Find a brand you like and try and get it in bulk. If it's not available in bulk – ask the manufacturer to offer it.	19 Use a razor with removable blades Disposable razors and razor blades are two of the biggest contributors to plastic waste.	20 Check labels of toiletries Did you know some facial scrubs & toiletries products contain tiny plastic beads? Avoid anything with "polyethylene" listed as an ingredient.	21 Use a bamboo toothbrush or a toothbrush with recyclable heads and try to find dental floss that doesn't come in plastic packaging.	22 Use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap This is an easy change to make, if you are feeling keen you can even make your own soap bars.	23 Choose lotions and lip balms in plastic-free containers Some shops will now refill glass toiletry containers or give you a discount if you return old packaging.				
	Start a conversation or ask to talk about how you are taking action on plastics at church.										
Kitchen	Sunday 24 March Colossians 1:16-17 'For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.'	25 Look around your kitchen and see what plastics you can replace Use a dish brush with a wooden handle and compostable bristles.	26 Use natural cleaning cloths instead of plastic & synthetic sponges Compressed natural cellulose sponges are often sold without any plastic packaging.	27 Use a blender made of glass If you find yourself needing to purchase a new blender in the future, try and go for a glass alternative if possible.	28 Buy glass and/or stainless steel containers for food storage Glass works well for freezer storage as well, just ensure you leave room at the top of the jar.	29 Avoid foil wrapped crisps and chocolates Some sweet wrappers are now recyclable but don't forget to check.	30 Share your leftovers or unwanted food Reduce waste by joining a food sharing network like Olio.				
	Consider organising a community litter pick.										
Clothing	Sunday 31 March Job 28:12-13 'But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?' Do you use disposable cups at church? Can you encourage people to bring their own mug?	1 Choose natural fibres Synthetic fabrics create microfibre pollution when washed. When buying new clothes look for organic cotton, wool, and other natural fibres.	2 Alter and Modify Old Shoes and Clothing into New Do you have old clothes and shoes that you never wear because they don't fit or are out of style? Take them to a tailor or cobbler for alteration.	3 Buy clothing second-hand Buying clothes second hand not only saves you money but ensures that the second hand clothes you purchase have an extra long lease of life.	4 Do a clothes swap Look online for local events or get advice on how to set up your own. Take a look at sites like Get Swishing.	5 Invest in quality By doing this you are minimising the demand for cheap items that end up in landfill. In the long run it will save you money.	6 Request zero plastic packaging If you're buying clothes online ask the retailer if they can reduce or remove plastic packaging.				
Home	Sunday 7 April Psalm 24:1-2 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it'.	8 Put a "No Junk Mail" sticker on your letterbox This will reduce the number of letters with plastic windows. It will also reduce your paper waste.	9 Make it from scratch Try and cook as much as possible from scratch and take your own sandwiches and snacks when you go out.	10 Avoid wet wipes These contain plastic fibres so don't break down like toilet roll, despite often being described as flushable.	11 Acquire necessary plastic items used instead of new Check second-hand shops, Freecycle or Freecycle. Look for sharing groups locally.	12 Buy second-hand plastic-free furniture There's lots of advice about repairing, upcycling and finding good wooden or metal furniture online.	13 Don't buy new CDs and DVDs Stream or download music, shows, and films online, buy second hand or borrow them from the library or friends.				
Travel	Sunday 14 April Micah 6:8 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'	15 Avoid plastic pens and giveaways Try using a refillable fountain pen or pencils.	16 Bring your own toiletries Skip the free travel size shampoos, soaps, and lotions offered by hotels. Instead, fill up your own reusable travel-size containers at home.	17 Avoid the Mini bar snacks and drinks Not only incredibly expensive but they all come in plastic packages or bottles. Even if you can't avoid plastic entirely, you can resist single-serving sizes.	18 What lasting changes are you going to make? Do you find yourself looking at plastics in a different way? List three things you are going to commit to changing.	Make your voice heard: Share what you are doing with friends, family and community. Ask your MP what they are doing to tackle single use plastics. Join the UN's Clean Seas campaign and Greenpeace's Plastic Pledge . Find out your own plastic footprint .					
						We hope this challenge has made you more aware of your plastic use and helped you create some lasting changes.					

Don't forget to sign up for the quarterly environmental newsletter at www.churchofengland.org/environment



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INSET DAYS (School Closed)

25th February 2019

3rd June 2019

Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

Thurs	31 Jan	Maple Investigators Forest School
Fri	15 Feb	Elm Class visit to Christchurch CofE Primary School Streatham
Fri	15 Feb	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon 18-Fri 22 Feb	Half Term	
Mon	25 Feb	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	26 Feb	Back to School
Tues	26 Feb	Ash Class Goodwood Farm Visit
Wed	27 Feb	Ash Class Forest School
Fri	1 Mar	Elm Class Alpaca Visit
Wed	6 Mar	Beech Class Portsmouth Dockyard
Thurs	7 Mar	World Book Day
Thurs	7 Mar	Elm Class Pizza Tasting 2.40pm
Thurs	7 Mar	GB Athlete Visit
Fri	15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri	15 Mar	Kids Club Xtra
Tues	19 Mar	Elm Class Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
Fri	22 Mar	Maple Explorers Tangmere Aviation Museum
Wed	27 Mar	Last Early Morning Club with Mrs Sandon-Webb
Thurs	28 Mar	Maple Investigators Tangmere Aviation Museum
Fri	29 Mar	Last Day for Teacher Led Clubs
Mon	1 Apr	KS1/KS2 Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Wed	3 Apr	KS1/KS2 Parents Evening 4.30-7pm
Fri	5 Apr	Last Day of Term Finish at 3.15pm
Tues	23 Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term
Mon	6 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Mon 13-Thurs 16 May KS2 SATS		

Forest School Dates

Thurs 31st Jan-7th Mar	Maple Investigators (YR4)
Thurs 14th Mar-25th Apr	Elm Group 1 (YR5)
Thurs 2nd May-6th June	Elm Group 2 (YR5)
Thurs 13th June-19th July	Willow (YR6)
Wed 27th Feb-Tues 2nd April	Ash Class (YR1)

TO BENEFIT FULLY FROM THE TRAINING WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU ATTEND ALL FOUR SESSIONS

10.00AM - 12.30PM
(INC COFFEE ON ARRIVAL)

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WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

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South Downs Dark Skies Festival 2019

Stargazing at Bury CE School

Friday 15th February
19:30 – 22:00

Bury CE School are hosting a stargazing evening to celebrate the South Downs Dark Skies Festival. Bignor Roman Villa will be providing historical links to the stars and their relevance to our distant ancestors. Worthing Astronomers will have telescopes ready for observing the night sky in the playground. Hot drinks will be available for a small fee to keep out the winter cold. No matter the weather come along, the talks and exhibition items will be inside.

Bury CE School, West Burton Lane, Bury, West Sussex, RH20 1HB

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Runabouts
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Running from: 26 April to 19 July, (excluding 31 May and 14 June), and 6 September to 25 October.

Sessions cost £5 or £4 with a Leisure Access Card or Compass Card payable on the day.

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For more information please contact:
Paul Taylor on 07764 146339 or email paul.taylor@horsham.gov.uk



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