

PASTORAL CARE- BETTER NEVER STOPS

We aim to ensure that all our children are happy, confident and loved. Visitors regularly comment on the warm, caring and friendly atmosphere in the school.

We are very proactive in our approach to supporting children so they can achieve. We target children to meet their needs, both emotional and academic so that we can fulfil our Mission Statement.

Spiritually we support children through:

Regular Masses over the year

Weekly liturgies led by each class

Informal visits by our parish priests

Christian meditation sessions led by our Deanery Counsellors

Prayer tables in each classroom and the school hall

Daily acts of worship

Weekly hymn practice

Prayer table in the library for those who have died

Prayer in the grounds using our stations of the cross, large cross on the mound and the

labyrinth

All the Deanery events (see article.)

Emotionally we support children through:

Dedicated Learning Mentors who run resilience, anger management, grief and nurture programmes.

Play therapists

Personal Support Plans.

Behaviour Support Plans.

Playground Buddies (Year 6 children) who support younger children at playtime and lunchtimes.

Well trained staff for all times of the day.

Ensuring all children have an adult they can talk to.

All this happens under the guidance of our Inclusion Leader, Assistant Headteacher Kim Huggett.

Academically we support children through:

Well differentiated work for all abilities.

Individual Education Plans for those with specific special needs.

Well monitored progress of all children and interventions put in place for identified needs.

Interventions for reading

Interventions for maths

Read Write Inc, our phonics and spelling programme, is rigorous, frequent and regular.

Homework and library clubs

Targeted maths groups in upper KS2 with the addition of an extra teacher, Annette Christian.

ACE group for higher ability maths groups in upper KS2 with our Assistant Head for progress; Steve McGinley.

Targeted writing groups in KS1 by both Assistant Headteachers.

We also develop life skills through:

Excellent educational trips and visitors

A wide range of extra-curricular clubs run by our staff and outside providers.

Two residential trips, which become progressively longer in duration and in distance from school.

St. John ambulance runs our

annual first aid and lifesaving training for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Swimming lessons for Years 3, 4 and 5

Excellent opportunities to represent the school in a range of competitions both sporting and academic such as the National General Knowledge Quiz and Chess

We continue to develop new ideas to ever improve our provision for our pupils because "Better never stops."

"Everyone, teachers and children all work hard to learn, teach and keep our environment happy" (Louise Year 5)

"I am proud of this school because none of us ever give up and we all work as a team. The teachers and assistants help you loads and they will never give up on you."
(Alex Year 6)

SPORTING SUPERSTARS – PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT!

As one of the smallest schools in the Worthing area we punch well above our weight. With the support of our new Sports Assistant, Josh Clarke, our PE and Sports leader, Rob Staggs and the many members of our staff and parents who give very generous amounts of their time to

our children we have achieved great things: Last year over half of our pupils represented our school in sports competitions. Nearly 70% of our pupils have taken part in at least one extra-curricular sports club. We won the 2014 Worthing Handball com-

petition We won the 2014 Worthing Tag Rugby competition We won the 2014 Worthing Area Year 6 Penalty Shootout We are also active participants in all available local sporting events We host the Knights of St Columba Tournament

and this year won both the football and netball We have been awarded the Silver Sports Mark However most importantly we receive regular compliments on the politeness of our children and their sporting attitude .

"I am proud of my school because we win trophies, medals ,and go on the best school trips. I love this school." (Grace Year 2)

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CELEBRATION NEWS 2013 – 2014

"A Learning Community in Christ"

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reading results & progress are great!
- Your children are in good hands— Pastoral care
- Sporting Success. Small and mighty
- Deanery –we learn together

WOW BEST IN WORTHING!

English Martyrs goes from strength to strength with year on year improvements in SAT's results and progress values. This was our third successive year of increases in both attainment and progress measures. Not only does

this place us in the top 25% of schools nationally, but we also have the best pupil progress in the Worthing area. At the end of Key Stage 2 our attainment levels are above both County and National Averages.

We should all be very proud of the excellent progress our children are making across their time at our school—and

of our staff who continue to strive for excellence for our children.

"Everyone in the school tries the best in all the things they do." (Poppy Year 5)

End of School Performance Measures		2014	
		National	Our School
Reading	L4+	88%	100%
	L5+	49%	63%
	2 Levels progress	91%	100%
	More than 2 Levels progress	30%	50%
Writing	L4+	85%	90%
	L5+	33%	40%
	2 Levels	93%	100%
	More than 2 Levels progress	30%	27%
Maths	L4+	85%	93%
	L5+	42%	50%
	2 Levels	89%	100%
	More than 2 Levels progress	31%	40%

AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Great news, in 2013 – 2014 our attendance was well above the national and county averages of 95%, with our school achieving **97.24%** attendance across the school. This was the fourth consecutive rise year on year.

Thank you so much for supporting our attendance policy. You are making a significant impact on your child's progress, life skills and their future attitude to work.

Keep it up, maybe next year we can hit 98%!

"I am proud of my school because it makes me happy."

(TJ Year 1)

READING—A BIG SUCCESS STORY

Progress across the school is Outstanding with 100% of our pupils achieving the national standard of level 4 or more and 100% of our pupils making the expected progress measure. Of these 50% made more than expected progress. In KS1 pupils are making great progress and we are now outper-

forming the national picture at all stages of learning.

We have done this through:

The introduction of 'Fred Time' (Read Write Inc.)

Interventions made by well-trained Teaching Assistants aimed by careful monitoring of progress.

Good resources in class reading corners and new library.

An excellent group of volunteer reading assistants in the form of the 'The Parent Reading Army' led and trained by Steve McGinley.

Carefully taught reading during Guided Reading. Targeted Booster sessions for ability groups in



upper Key Stage 2.

Parent training and guidance sessions.

Our constant high expectations and relentless focus on reading across the school at all levels.

HOORAY FOR THE FRIENDS OF SCHOOL



Our Friends of School do an amazing job and ensure our children have many opportunities they may

not otherwise have had.

Thanks to the money they have donated we have been able to:

Build a library (£5000 towards the costs)

Reduce the cost of school trips over the year for each class

Help Father Christmas to deliver presents for every class

Help the Easter bunny to give each child a chocolate egg

Present every Year 6 with a leavers present

Present every First Holy Communicant with a present

Give the Year 6 a great 70's themed Disco

Reduce the cost of the an-

nual Pantomime in school

Send a huge 'Goodies' pack away on the Years 5 and 6 residential school trips

They also add to the ethos of our school life by fund raising for our school and charities. This takes a lot of dedication and time. It is down to this that we can:

Have a Summer Fair and Christmas fair

Run a Macmillan Tea Party

Have refreshments at sports

days, parent evenings, sports tournaments and other events.

Have school shop for uniform at reduced rates.



TECH NEWS

We continue to improve our IT capabilities with a new ICT Suite, cheaper faster broadband, a wireless network across the whole school site, new colour photocopiers, new laptops and starting this year a new Computing

curriculum. We are now looking at our next stage and want to move into using tablets to enhance learning. All this is thanks to our IT team; Suzanne Prince, Nessa Clarke and Steve McGinley.



FABULOUS LIBRARY

It had been a dream of mine for 10 years to develop a beautiful central library and work space. Thanks to the work and money raised by our



school community we now have a library and work space that would be the envy of many a larger school. Everyone who enters our school is impressed by the fabulous space and the quality of the resources we offer.

We now also have a published author, Paul Harrison, as our Library Assistant and he will be developing a range of new



opportunities for the children this year.

A LEADING LIGHT

Our community ethos is a great strength and the Worthing Deanery is considered a leading light within the Arundel and Brighton Diocese. The other schools in our deanery are: Chatsmore Catholic High School, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, St. Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School and St. Catherine's Catholic Primary School. As a deanery we collaborate by having:

A Children's Deanery Council. Two children in Year 5 are chosen annually to be our representatives.

A Year 6 / 7 annual mass with the Bishop

An Advent Service with all our children, parents, staff and governors at Arundel Cathedral with the Bishop

An annual Children's Conference. In our school we send 25 children from our KS2 in to

attend with children from the other deanery schools.

Regular visits by our children to Chatsmore for sessions such as; Science lessons, Cookery lessons and transition visits

Chatsmore pupils visit on work placements and to support sports days. We will be having sports leaders supporting our lunchtime games on Fridays, too.

A Deanery Assistant Headteacher for Ethos and Mission, Paul Walker. He is in our school weekly working with staff and children.

Regular Headteacher meetings

Regular RE Leaders meetings

Training for staff together

A staff, governors and parish priests mass led annually by the Bishop

Our parish priests; Fr. Chris Ingle and Fr. Liam O'Connor visit our school for RE linked reasons, to lead masses, to hold opportunities for reconciliation during advent and lent, or just pop in to visit.

Children and staff visit each parish on an RE visit whilst at our school

Children and staff celebrate Education Sunday in the parishes and when children make their First Holy Communion.

Parishioners are invited to school masses

This list continues to grow year on year. This firm foundation is only achievable through the time and commitment of staff, governors, priests and families of our parishes and deanery.



Psalm 19 enacted by Year 2

"Journeying
Together in
Christ"

Worthing
Schools
Deanery