



ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HEDGEHOGS NURSERY

'TOGETHER WE CARE, LEARN AND ACHIEVE'

FRIDAY 25TH OCT 2024

We would like to wish a Happy Half Term Holiday to all our SMAS Families

For some of you it has been your first half term with our school and we hope that you and your child have settled in well. If you have spotted anything about the process of joining our school that we could make even better or clearer please do let us know. We have a lot of admissions throughout the year and would like to make the process as straightforward for all our new starters as possible.

This half term was quite long and I expect you and your children were more than ready for a break by the time it arrived. Next term is jam-packed with all sorts of exciting learning opportunities for your children (starting with Y6 cycle training the first week back!) and also occasions where your help as parents and carers would be very much appreciated by FOSMAS (preparation for Christmas Fair) so if you haven't yet reached out to our Chair, Amy Dunkley, or our new Vice Chair, Theo Bennett, to let them know your particular area of interest or expertise please do!

***We look forward to seeing you all back on
Tuesday 5th November!***

Our value this half term is Respect

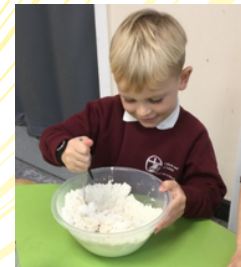


THE GOOD
SHEPHERD TRUST

Hazel Class Blog

Hazel class have had a very busy start to their first year of school!

We learned to retell the story of The Little Red Hen, complete with Makaton actions. Just like the main character, we made our own bread, using our fine motor skills to knead the dough.



Our focus has been "Marvellous Me" - we've created self portraits, talked about our families, and learned about our 5 senses.



Music Works ran a special workshop for us in October and we enjoyed taking part in the whole school Harvest service.



We have been busy exploring numbers in different ways - representing numbers with all sorts of materials. We really enjoyed weighing numicon!



Hazel class have worked SO hard on recognising and writing our names, everyone has done a brilliant job of learning our first set of Phonics sounds. What a super start to Reception, Hazel class!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 28 Oct - 01 Nov - Half Term**
- 04 Nov - INSET Day**
- 05 Nov - Y6 Level 2 Cycle Training**
- 06 Nov - Y6 Level 2 Cycle Training**
- 07 Nov - Y6 Level 2 Cycle Training**
- 07 Nov - Y1 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park**
- 07 Nov - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop**
- 08 Nov - Y6 Level 2 Cycle Training**
- 11 Nov - 15 Nov - Y4 Swimming Lessons**
- 11 Nov - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15**
- 12 Nov - YR Hedgehog Visit from Saint Francis Animal Rescue**
- 12 Nov - Odd Socks Day**
- 14 Nov - The Little Recyclers Clothes Drop Off**
- 15 Nov - Own Clothes Day for Chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair**
- 19 Nov - Y6 Trip to Down House**
- 19 Nov - Y4 School of Noise Sound Workshop**
- 22 Nov - Own Clothes Day for Bottle donations for the Christmas Fair**
- 26 Nov - Y4 & Y6 SATRO STEM Workshops**
- 29 Nov - Reindeer Run Assembly**
- 29 Nov - Y3 Cradle of Civilisation Workshop at Charterhouse**
- 02 Dec - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15**
- 03 Dec - YR/Y1/Y2 Town Mouse & Country Mouse Theatre Production**
- 04 Dec - Y5 Class Assembly 9:00 - 9:30 - Families welcome**
- 05 Dec - Advent Pause Day**
- 06 Dec - Christmas Fair 2:30 - 4:30**

ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Year to Date 95%

Week to Date 95%

Previous Week 94%

Inset Dates 2024-25

Monday 4th Nov

Monday 6th Jan

Monday 25th Feb

Friday 23rd May

Monday 2nd June

Stars of the Week

18 Oct 2024

Hazel - Finn

Cherry - Noah

Beech - Nabeel

Ash - Luke & Naomi

Willow - Logan

Rowan - Eddie

Hawthorn - Sai

25 Oct 2024

**INSET
Day**

Superstar Learners of the Week

18 Oct 2024

Hazel - Zanoobia

Cherry - Veronica

Beech - Cassia

Ash - Alex

Willow - James

Rowan - Jimmi

Hawthorn - James Dean

25 Oct 2024

**INSET
Day**

Attendance Matters

Holidays (Leave of absence)

Taking holidays in term time will have a detrimental effect on your child's progress, as they miss chunks of their learning.

In line with St Mark & All Saints Attendance policy, we will not authorise any holiday in term time apart from in very specific circumstances and you must see Mrs Mallett to request leave of absence.



Penalty Notices

A penalty notice will be issued if your child has been marked unauthorised for 10 sessions (5 days) within a 10 week period from the first session missed.

Please refer to St Mark & All Saints Attendance policy, section 5 for more detailed information.

Punctuality Matters too!

As a school, we are aware that lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness.

The school gates are open from 8:45 am and close at 8:55 am, any child arriving after this point must report to the school office with their adult, as this is the time that registers close.

Any child who arrives after 9:30 am will be given an unauthorised absence for the morning. If you have 10 unauthorised sessions within a 10 week period you will be issued a penalty notice.

Please remember it is your responsibility to call the school office (01483 422924) to report all absences before 9am or email info@stmarkallsaints.uk

The children and young people's emotional
wellbeing and mental health service

Surrey
Positive
Parenting

Celebrating and
Inspiring
Children Who Do
It Differently

Out of Hours
ADHD
Helpline

Schools
ADHD Awareness
Training

Barnardo's Surrey Neurodevelopmental Services

Are you a parent or carer in Surrey of a
young person who presents with ADHD
behaviours?

Pre or post diagnosed

**Our helpline is here to
support you, no referral
needed.**

0300 222 5755
Free to call, press option 4
5pm-11pm 365 days

Our trained helpline practitioners are able to
support with a variety of concerns.

Sleep Concerns

School Anxiety

Diet Concerns

Screen Time Limits

Freindsips and Bullying

Connections with Family or

Dopamine Seeking Behaviours

Siblings

Routines

Risky Behaviours



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.55

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

14th of November

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DONT ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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In aid of **Challengers**

Guildford Santa Fun Run

Sunday 8th December 2024

Stoke Park, Guildford

Festive fun for all the family

2.5k & 5k routes available

5k Canicross race, dogs welcome!

Support an amazing local charity

Prizes for best dressed

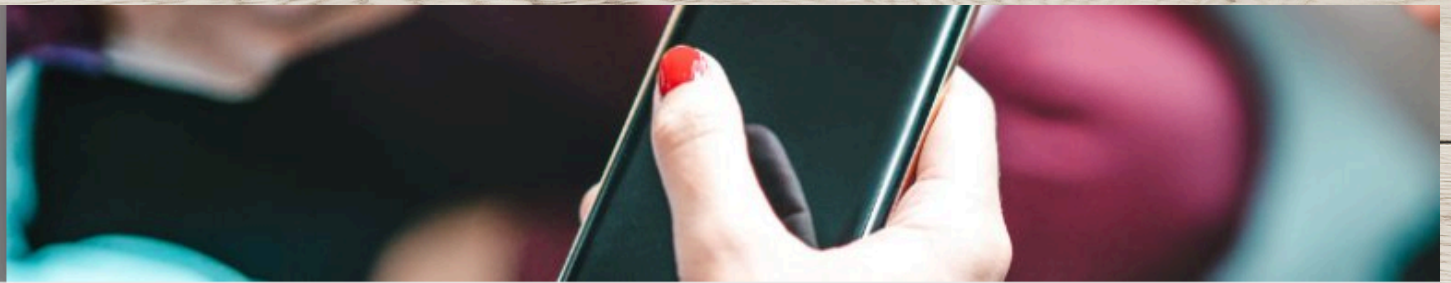
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Strategies to Help Young People Lead Healthy Digital Lives

 Mon 4 Nov 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  ONLINE

With headlines championing phone bans in schools, restricting social media for under-16s, and even proposing a nostalgic return to "dumb phones" to combat online harm, it's easy to see why responsible adults might feel anxious about their children's digital lives.

So what does the evidence say actually works?...

Research experts from the Universities of Surrey and Bedfordshire are eager to share new evidence on children's use of smartphones and exposure to social media, emerging from their direct work with young people and schools.

Join [Dr Emily Setty](#), [Dr Robyn Muir](#), and [Jonny Hunt](#) on 4th November to discover their research-backed recommendations for fostering healthy digital habits. They'll dispel common myths about the risks and challenges of being online while offering practical strategies to keep young people safe.

Their insights will empower parents, young people, and school staff to engage in open, honest conversations about digital life. Topics will include navigating relationships, mental health, and well-being in a digital age, with an emphasis on the complexities of parenting and supporting young people's rights online.

Don't miss this chance to weigh in on a pressing issue and leave equipped with valuable strategies and solutions.

Young people, parents/carers, and school staff are invited to join the debate.

Young people who join will be offered the chance to take part in a paid future Podcast about their experiences online.

To Join, click this link

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/universityofsurrey3/1438416>