



St Mark and All Saints C of E Primary School and Nursery

'Together we care, learn and achieve'



TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS – TRANSFORMING LIVES
In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd.

Friday 10th May 2024

Our value this half term is FRIENDSHIP

It is hard to believe next week will be third week of the summer term but at least the sun has come out to play at last! Next week is also SATS week for our Y6 learners and we will be doing everything we can to support them through that process with as little stress as possible so that by the end of the week they can have a day celebrating the fact that they showed themselves to best ability. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers next week.

We have been given the news that our bid to host a funded Locality Nurture Hub at SMAS has been successful. This means that from September, in our Treetops room during the day, we will have our own Nurture Group. It will have 8 places and be run by our staff and mainly for our own children (R-3) for part sessions every day. We are extremely excited about this development and being able to add to our school Thrive provision in this way. We will update you further as this develops.

Treetops wrap around care is growing quickly and we are so pleased to see that this provision is meeting an obvious need in our school community. Our Reception Class numbers for September are strong with a class of 26 again. Bump Up morning - one of our transition events for new starters where all children locally visit new classes and schools - is on 3rd July this year but I intend to let current parents know the remaining information about which teachers are in which classes at the start of June.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and Y6 please focus on rest and relaxation!

Now the sunshine is out please remember:

Water bottles and hats everyday but no sunglasses please (unless previously agreed and medically needed) as they are not safe to wear when playing on equipment and doing ball sports at playtime.

Thank you!

You will perhaps have noticed our visit from **Surrey Council's parking enforcement officer** earlier this week. He was visiting all local schools and making note of issues where education re the safety and law around parking was needed.

We still have several parents who are parking on the double yellow lines either side of the side road. This makes crossing and passing up and down the road extremely dangerous.

Please DO NOT park on double yellow lines - it is illegal!

HAZEL CLASS BLOG

HAZEL CLASS HAVE BEEN BUSY SO FAR THIS HALF TERM LEARNING ABOUT DINOSAURS! WE HAVE TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF PALEONTOLOGISTS, DUSTING CAREFULLY TO FIND HIDDEN FOSSILS AND BONES! WE'VE USED NON-FICTION TEXTS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE FASCINATING CREATURES AND SO FAR LEARNED ABOUT SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES.



TOGETHER WE CREATED ACTIONS AND CAN NOW CONFIDENTLY RETELL THE STORY OF THE LITTLE GREEN DINOSAUR. AS MATHEMATICIANS, WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE NUMBERS THAT GO TOGETHER TO MAKE TEN. WE ARE ALSO NOW COUNTING TO 20 AND BEYOND, RECOGNISING PATTERNS AS WE PLAY GAMES.

HAZEL CLASS ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE GOING ON A DINOSAUR HUNT TO WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK LATER THIS MONTH.



Stars of the Week



26 April 2024

Hazel - Casper

Cherry - Cassia

Beech - Mufeeque

Ash - Max

Willow - Matilde & Farisa

Rowan - Mubariz

Hawthorn - Deji

3 May 2024

Hazel - Bodhi

Cherry - Poppy

Beech - Alex

Ash -

Willow - Henry

Rowan - Izzy

Hawthorn -



Superstar Learners of the Week



26 April 2024

Hazel - Ruby

Cherry - Mubasil

Beech - Isabel

Ash - Thea

Willow - Jimmi

Rowan - Charlotte

Hawthorn - Aaliyah

3 May 2024

Hazel - Maisie

Cherry - Layla-Rose

Beech - Naomi

Ash -

Willow - Eva

Rowan - Penny

Hawthorn - Benjamin



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 May - KS2 SATS Week

13 May - Y1 Trip to Birdworld

16 May - YR Trip to Wellington Country Park

20 May - Y4 & Y6 SATRO Electricity Workshop

21 May - Y5 French Cafe in school

22 May - Y1 Class Assembly 9:00 - 9:30 - Y1 Families welcome to attend

23 May - FOSMAS Sponsored Obstacle Course - Families welcome to attend

24 May - INSET DAY

27 - 31 May - Half Term

3 June - Y4 Multiplication Check Week

3 June - Y2 Root for the Future Activity at Eashing Cemetery

3 June - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15 - Families Welcome

4 June - Y6 Rodborough Transition Meeting 3:00 - 3:30

6 June - Y4 Trip to Weald & Downland Museum

7 June - Healthy Lunchbox Course for Parents/Carers 1:00 - 3:00

10 June - Y1 Phonics Check Week

12 June - YR Class Assembly 9:00 - 9:30 - YR Families welcome to attend

13 June - New YR Children Stay & Play 1:30 - 2:30

ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Year to Date 94.3%

Week to Date 94.2%

Previous Week 93.6%

Inset Dates 2023-2024

Friday 24 May 2024

Inset Dates 2024-25

Monday 2nd Sept Tuesday

3rd Sept

Friday 25th Oct

Monday 4th Nov Monday

6th Jan Monday 25th Feb

Friday 23rd May Monday

2nd June

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the user's sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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TREETOPS WRAP AROUND CARE

Weekly timetable of activities

Each session will start with a fruit snack at 3:15 and then a toast snack at 4:15 as well to ensure children joining us from activity clubs are also topped up! You are welcome to send children with a packed tea if they are staying until 6 pm.

There are two main activity slots from 3:30-4:10 and from 4:30-5:50 the first session will follow the pattern below each week dependent on weather:

MONDAY – CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

TUESDAY – DIDICARS, TRIKES AND GAMES ON KS1 PLAYGROUND OR INDOOR GAMES AND PARACHUTE IN HALL

WEDNESDAY – FOREST SCHOOL

THURSDAY – GROW ZONE OR ART

FRIDAY – COOKING

The second session each day will be focussed on relaxing and calm activities such as drawing, playdoh, craft, puzzles and lego with an opportunity for homework to be completed as well as stories to be read.



Waverley Family Centre

1-3pm on Fridays
St Mark and All Saints School,
7th, 14th and 21st June
and 5th July

Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Learn how to prepare and cook healthy food for your child's lunchbox.

- 4 FREE, 2 hour sessions for parents of school-aged children.
- Led by an experienced and respected cookery tutor and supported by family centre and school staff.
- Make 3 food items to take home each week; and receive a free recipe book full of ideas.
- Chat with other parents; taste and try what you make!
- Space for 6 parent/carers - allocated on a first come, first served basis - email kathy.guy@barnardos.org.uk to book.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 417157



Waverley Family Centre,
Green Lane, Binscombe,
Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3TB
and Upper Hale Road, Hale,
Farnham GU9 0LR

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLACE ON THE HEALTHY LUNCHBOX COURSE PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK IN.



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 Fines (Unauthorised absence)

If you take your child out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days.

Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note the penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

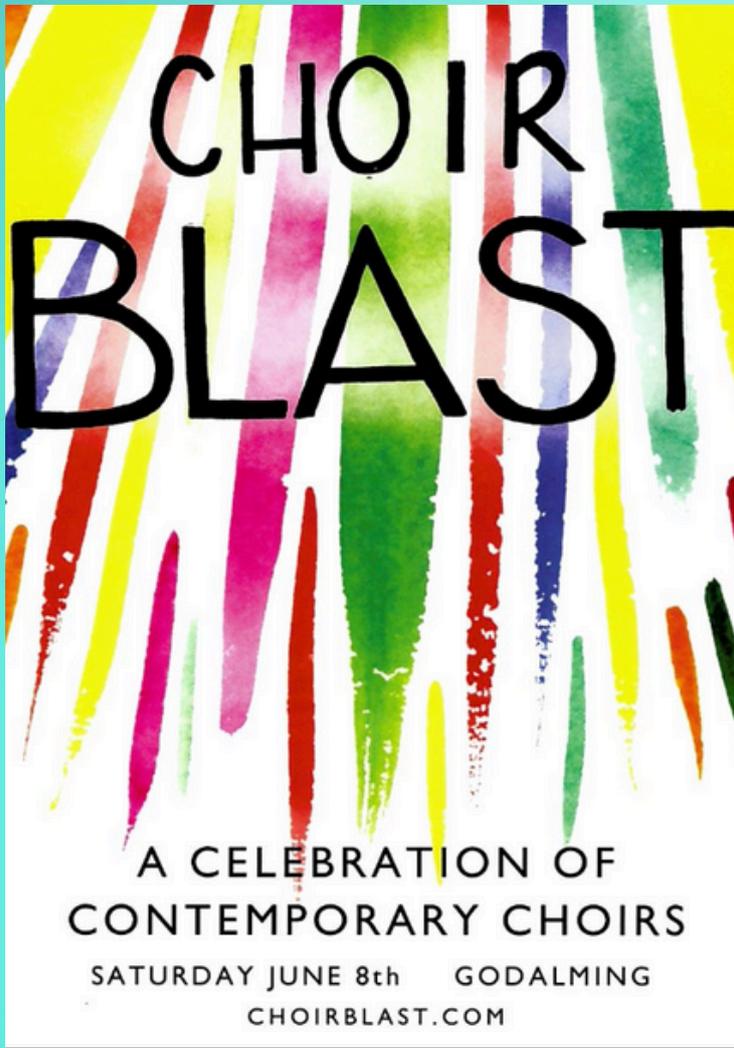
Punctuality Matters too!

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.

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



CHOIR BLAST

A CELEBRATION OF
CONTEMPORARY CHOIRS

SATURDAY JUNE 8th GODALMING
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ChoirBLAST,
a celebration of contemporary choirs.

ChoirBLAST explodes into Godalming on **Saturday, 8th of June!** An exciting all-day and evening event for music lovers, with a **diverse range of 50 choirs** from all over the UK and the local area, coming together in a fusion of singing and community.

The family (and dog-friendly) event features multiple stages throughout Godalming – with simultaneous performances on **The Bury's Field, The Bandstand** and in the **Cloisters**, as well as at **The Wilfrid Noyce and Yard Market.**

Join us for this **non-competitive** festival, with with **craft stalls, children's activities, food and drinks,** fantastic **raffle prizes** and most of all **AMAZING MUSIC.**

ChoirBLAST supports charities: **The Meath** for adults with epilepsy and complex needs and **the halow project,** nurturing people with learning disabilities and autism to fulfil their full potential.

ChoirBLAST is in the process of becoming a registered charity. Our aim is to make music accessible to everyone in the local area.

In the spirit of the festival,
admission is FREE,
but donations are greatly appreciated either in advance or at the entrance gates. All of the proceeds from this not-for-profit event will go to charity.

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**EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP
GENERAL NEEDS SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

WHERE: Waverley Family Centre, Loseley Fields,
Green Lane, Binscombe, Godalming, GU7 3TB

WHEN: Thursday 23rd May

9:30 AM - 2:15 PM

FREE

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Breakfast refreshments and lunch will be provided for free. There will be a supervised area for pre-school age children to play.



"I found the course so invaluable and insightful. Thank you for organising"
"Last Fridays session was so helpful thank you and for your kindness.
So much to follow up on from that day"

This workshop is written and delivered by parent trainers with lived-experience. Gail & Gráinne have been delivering this workshop together to parents & carers for over 5 years.



Scan to book your place

COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Email thehub@disability-challengers.org or call 01483 961962

Rodborough Notification

Year 7 Rodborough staff will be visiting St Mark and All Saints on Tuesday, 4th June at 3pm to host a meeting for all Y6 parents who have students moving up to the school in September.

This will be an opportunity to receive an overview of what to expect in September and to ask questions.

Rachel Chambers (Transition co-ordinator) Cat Beardsmore-Rust (SENDCO) and Natasha Bullock (Year 7 lead) will be here to talk to you and respond to any queries.

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