



St Mark and All Saints C of E
Primary School and Nursery
'Together we care, learn and achieve'



Friday 3 November 2023

Our value this half term is SERVICE

Thank you for all your lovely messages delivered in person and on social media in celebration of our recent **Good Ofsted** result. We are very pleased that the achievements of our school community have been recognised.

This term is always incredibly busy and we are already gearing up for Christmas with practices for our **recorded First Nowell** with the churches in Godalming and **Own Clothes days** to gather resources for our Fair both starting next week.

Please check and **save important dates** carefully on page 3.

Please do support these events in order to make this year's Fair the best it has ever been. We always plough the profits straight back into resources for your children, this year some have been used to fund a **whole school Pantomime** before Christmas !

Our Healthy School

Please remember if you are sending your child in with a packed lunch that **no nuts or nut products** are allowed for the safety of staff and children with nut allergies. The only drinks that are allowed in school are cartons of **100% fruit juice at lunchtime and water** in class. Please do not send in other juices or hot drinks.

Children in Y3-6 are encouraged to bring in a **healthy snack such as fruit or dried fruit** for playtime, they are not allowed to bring in biscuits or crisps. Younger children have free fruit provided but they can also choose to bring their own in.

Cherry Class Blog

We are now in our second term of Year 1 and the class have settled into their new routines and have been making fantastic progress. We have completed our first Talk for Writing unit about Oliver's Vegetables and the children have written their very own independent story **Oliver's Fruit**.

We visited GrowZone and discovered an assortment of vegetables – we used our senses to describe what we could see, smell, taste, feel and hear. We also drew different vegetables in Art and looked at the paintings of a famous artist who creates portraits using fruit and vegetables and then we painted our own masterpiece!



We have visited St Peter and St Paul's Church, Godalming where we found out about different features of a church, including stained glass windows, the altar and the font. We had a picnic lunch in the park which was very exciting! Today we visited Haslemere Museum to look at toys from the past and find out how they have changed over the years and this was a great introduction for our new **History** topic.

We are developing our mathematical skills and are focusing on addition and subtraction this term. We are now writing number sentences and recognizing mathematical symbols. In phonics we are learning new Phase 5 sounds and are reading regularly at school and home to increase our fluency.



We have started our new book in English, 'The Fish who could Wish' and we made our own wands and wrote what our wishes would be...there were some interesting ideas! We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and have started singing our Christmas songs in preparation for our upcoming Nativity!

Well done to everybody for a fantastic start to Year 1.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 November - 10 November - Willow Class swimming lessons
6 November - Open classrooms YR-Y6 2:45-3:15pm
8 November - Hawthorn Class Remembrance Assembly 9:00am - 9:30am
10 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am
10 November - Own Clothes day - Chocolate donation for Christmas Fair
13 November - Willow Class trip to Arundel WWT
13 November - Odd Socks day (£1 donation)
17 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am
17 November - Own Clothes day - Donations for Hampers
21 November - Animal Rescue visiting Early Years
24 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am
24 November - Own Clothes day - Bottle donation for Christmas Fair
24 November - Christmas Fair 2:30pm - 4:30pm
27 November - Perform Drama Workshop YR-Y3 (in school event)
28 November - Pied Piper Theatre Company YN-Y2 (in school event)

1 December - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am
1 December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm - 4:30pm
4 December - Open Classrooms Year R - Year 6 2:45-3:15pm
5 December - Open Box Pantomime (in school event)
6 December - Nativity Performance (N-Yr2) 2:30 - 3:00pm
7 December - Nativity Performance (N-Yr2) 9:15 - 9:45am
8 December - Hedgehogs Christmas Stay and Play 2:00pm - 3:00pm
13 December - Whole School Carol Concert 4:30 - 5:30pm
15 December - Last day of term 1:15pm finish

18 December - 3 January - Christmas Holidays

8 January - Willow Class visiting Shah Jahan Mosque
8 January - Open Classrooms YrR - Yr6 2:45pm - 3:15pm
17 January - Beech Class Assembly 9:00am - 9:30am
29 January - 2 February Ash Class Swimming lessons

ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Annual attendance for whole school to date 95.24%

Attendance this week 95.48%

Attendance last week 94.37%

Inset Dates 2023-2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Friday 9 February 2024

Monday 15 April 2024

Friday 24 May 2024



Stars of the Week

20 October 2023

Hazel - Rosie

Cherry - Julia

Beech - Jack

Ash - George

Willow - Helan

Rowan - James-Dean

Hawthorn - Stasiu

3 November 2023

No celebration assembly this week



Superstar Learners of the Week

20 October 2023

Hazel - Jessica

Cherry - Pranaadh

Beech - Darcy

Ash - Amelia

Willow - Alfie

Rowan - Elee

Hawthorn - Ellie

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Dear Parents/Carers,
WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
- 2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

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 ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE

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 MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

 Andy and
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Odd Socks

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Christmas Fair

*Friends of St Mark & All Saints will be holding
their Christmas fair on*

Friday 1 December 2:30 - 4:30pm

*On the following Dates your child can wear their
own clothes to school in return for Donations
towards the tombolas and hampers*

Friday 10 November - Chocolate Donations

Friday 17 November - Items for Hampers

Friday 24 November - Bottle Donations



COFFEE MORNING



Join us for our weekly coffee morning, starting on 9:00 - 10:00, 3 November at St Mark's School, Franklyn Rd, Godalming GU7 2LD

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Every morning gets better with coffee, so... come along and grab a free coffee, and join the conversation with the wonderful Philippa, your Community Link Officer about opportunities in your local area.



Philippa Secretan - CLO Waverley Borough

PHILIPPA SECRETAN - COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER (CLO) FOR WAVERLEY BOROUGH

I would like to introduce myself as Community Link Officer for Waverley I am employed by Surrey County Council to enable it to understand its communities better.

My role is to discover the important issues in Waverley's neighbourhoods, streets, towns, and villages. To attain answers to the questions – **“What matters to you most”?** and **“Where can we at Surrey County Council join up and make connections to help Make Things Happen in your area”?**

I am one of 11 Community Link Officers (CLOs) in total working across Surrey, all of whom are talking to people in their designated area of focus, getting to know residents and communities better. My role is to join up and join in with others in the community, such as partners, and organisations across Surrey.

In addition, there is community funding available with Your Fund Surrey for both large and small community projects, enabling local area improvements for wider community benefit.

My contact details are as follows: -

Email – philippa.secretan@surreycc.gov.uk

Mobile - **07890894916**

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