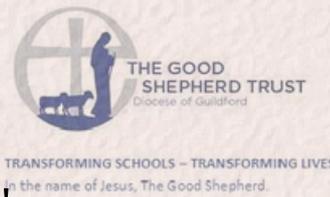




St Mark and All Saints C of E Primary School and Nursery

'Together we care, learn and achieve'



Friday 13 October 2023

*Our value this half term is **Respect***

Thank you all for your support during our **Consultation Evenings** this week, the second and final evening is next Wednesday and now 89% of families have booked in. Please contact the office if you do not yet have an appointment and are struggling to get booked in via your link and we can help you to do that.

Over the next term we will be holding further Information sessions (like the **Phonics and Reading workshop** held this term) to help you support your children at home with their learning. It is vital that children practise skills such as their **reading, phonics and times tables at home daily** throughout their time in school. Children only spend 20% of their time with us in school so you can see how vitally important you are to their learning journey!

If you need any support accessing **Boom Reader, Times Tables Rockstars** or other apps used for homework please contact your child's teacher at the end of the day for support.

Now the weather is finally becoming more autumnal we will need **wellies and coats** in school everyday for playtime and Forest School. Please do not send umbrellas into school however as we do not have the space to store them through the day and the children cannot use them at playtime anyway.

It is Year 4's turn for **swimming** in week 2 of the next term so please ensure you have your swimming kit, including hats for all, ready to go! Letters with further details will follow on Monday.

We hope you all have a restful and fun half term when it arrives please remember the **first day of term is Tuesday 31st Oct** as 30th Oct is an INSET day for staff.

Hazel Blog



Reception have had a wonderful first half term at school, getting to know one another and making a start on our school learning journey! The children have already got their first Talk 4 Writing story under their belts, having learned to retell the tale of "The Little Red Hen" from start to finish. The story linked well to our learning in RE about Harvest celebrations and Hazel class joined in with our whole-school Harvest service at St Mark's church last Thursday - everyone was very excited about our first outing as a class. This week we have been very busy, just like the Little Red Hen herself, making bread rolls from scratch. The children excitedly observed the changes to their dough as it rose in the windowsill over the course of the morning. Alongside our story theme, we have also explored our five senses - going on listening walks around the school, getting creative with different textures and using our sense of smell in a guessing game! Mrs Wilson, Mrs George, Miss Gosden and Mrs Patel are very proud of the children in Hazel class for how well they have settled in and given their all to the first half term of Reception.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 October - Family Thrive 9:15am to 10:45am

19 October - Hazel Class trip to St Marks Church

23 October - 27 October HALF TERM

30 October - Inset Day

2 November - Ash Class Eddie and Ellie session (in school event)

3 November - Cherry Class trip to Haslemere Museum

3 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am

6 November - 10 November - Willow Class swimming lessons

6 November - Open classrooms YR-Y6 2:45-3:15pm

10 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am

13 November - Willow Class trip to Arundel WWT

17 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am

21 November - Hedgehogs having a visit from Animal Rescue

24 November - Coffee Morning with Community Link Worker 9:00 - 10:00am

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

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

13 December - Whole School Carol Concert 4:30 - 5:30pm

15 December - Last day of term 1:15pm finish



ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Annual attendance for whole school to date 95.4%

Attendance this week 95.2%

Attendance last week 95.3%

Inset Dates 2023-2024

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Friday 9 February 2024

Monday 15 April 2024

Friday 24 May 2024



Stars of the Week

6 October 2023

Hazel - Bodhi

Cherry - Layla-Rose

Beech - Freddie

Ash -

Willow - Isla

Rowan - Judah

Hawthorn - Georgia

13 October 2023

Hazel - Casper

Cherry - Ivy

Beech - Jessica

Ash - Thea

Willow - Lucas

Rowan - Frankie

Hawthorn - Alex



Superstar Learners of the Week



6 October 2023

Hazel - Sapphire

Cherry - Poppy

Beech - Rocco

Ash -

Willow - Violet

Rowan - Scarlett

Hawthorn - Alex

13 October 2023

Hazel - Remi

Cherry - Julia

Beech - Aaron

Ash - Lara

Willow - Jack

Rowan - Lily

Hawthorn - Daniel



Online safety – Starting the conversation.

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Engaging regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. Here is a guide to getting that conversation going.

NOS National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

1 Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.

3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

4 Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER, YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

5 Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

6 Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

7 Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEIR SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /nationalonlinesafety Phone - 0800 368 8061



Roots for the Future

Community planting day

Saturday 14th October 2 – 4pm

Refreshments, planting and digging

All ages welcome

Eashing Cemetery Community Garden and
Orchard on Franklyn Rd, Godalming, GU7 2LD

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



Pitch Pals



After-School Football Club

Weekly training for children in Years 1-6 at St Mark & All Saints School

- ✔ Structured age-appropriate coaching sessions
- ✔ Fun, friendly and safe environment for all, led by experienced FA-qualified Coaches
- ✔ You can expect your child to improve their ability, increase their confidence and most importantly, FALL IN LOVE with football

MONDAY CLUB

Dates/Times

Sessions will run Mondays 3.15pm-4.15pm on
November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11

Fees

We have negotiated a significantly discounted rate for our pupils. £33 for the six sessions is payable in advance, direct to the School

Contact- 07841 675501 info@pitchpals.co.uk @pitchpalsuk