



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 8 December 2023

Our value this half term is SERVICE

In our last newsletter of the year, I wanted to thank our whole school community for your support over the past term. We are so appreciative of all the ways in which you show your support for our school. Your attendance at our Nativities, Christmas Fair, Open Classrooms and, on Wednesday next week, our Carol Service are a very visual indication of how much you want to support your children and their school.

It means so much to your children when they spot you coming through the door or in the audience and having opportunities to perform to you and to showcase their work are incredibly motivating for them.

Thank you for all your kind comments to staff thanking them for the hard work that they too have put into these events.

As I mentioned, at **4:30 next Wednesday we have our school Carol Service in St Mark's Church. This is led by Years 3-6** but all families are very welcome to attend and are offered refreshments by the team at St Mark's Church afterwards. On Thursday it is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch.

Next term our school will continue to grow with new children joining classes in the main school and new 2 and 3 year old starters in Nursery as well. We know you will all ensure that their families feel as welcome as the children do.

Our Christmas Fair this year raised £1500! We will let you know in the New Year all the lovely things we will use the money for - we always aim to get the money spent straight away - so your children see the benefit whether they are in Nursery or Year 6!

From all the team at St Mark and All Saints we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you back on

Thursday 4th January 2024!

Ash Class Blog

Ash Class have been busy this term building and drawing.

We had a great time building the tallest tower to hold an egg safely. The children were put into teams and worked together using the ideas from their first session on strong shapes.

We have also been practicing our sketching techniques in art and then putting this to good use when we visited Watts Gallery, on a frosty winters day, to see the work of Mary and George Watts in their own gallery. The children looked at the plaster work and the amazing paintings and used sketches from these to create their own clay tiles in the pottery studio using our study of extreme earth and volcanoes as a theme.

We have been following the activity of the Icelandic volcano and how it is effecting the local community. Newsround has been great at keeping us informed. Today, as the snow gently began to fall we went across to church and found out all about Advent.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 December - Hedgehogs Christmas Stay and Play 2:00pm - 3:00pm
13 December - Year 3 & 4 Benchball Tournament at Rodborough School
13 December - Y3-6 Carol Concert 4:30 - 5:30pm at St Mark's Church
14 December - Christmas Jumper Day
14 December - Christmas Lunch
15 December - Last day of term 1:15pm finish

18 December - 3 January - CHRISTMAS BREAK

4 January - Cherry Class Neil Armstrong workshop (in school event)
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
17 January - DICE Course 9:30am - 11:30am
19 January - Cookery Course 1:00pm - 3:15pm
22 - 26 January - Willow and Rowan pupils Swimming Lessons
24 January - DICE Course 9:30am - 11:30am
24 January - Rowan and Hawthorn Class Charterhouse Enrichment
25 January - Hazel Class trip to Godalming Library
26 January - Cookery Course 1:00pm - 3:15pm
29 January - 2 February Ash Class Swimming lessons
31 January - DICE Course 9:30am - 11:30am
31 January - Rowan and Hawthorn Class Charterhouse Enrichment

2 February - Cookery Course 1:00pm - 3:15pm
5 February - Open Classrooms Year R - Year 6 2:45-3:15pm
5 - 6 February - Willow Class Level 1 Cycle Training (Group 1)
6 February - Hawthorn Class trip to Kew Gardens
7 February - DICE Course 9:30am - 11:30am
7 February - Rowan Class Assembly
7 February - Rowan and Hawthorn Class Charterhouse Enrichment
7 - 8 February - Willow Class Level 1 Cycle Training (Group 2)

9 February - INSET DAY

12 - 16 February - HALF TERM



ATTENDANCE 2023-2024

Annual attendance for whole
school to date 94.91%
Attendance this week 92.49%
Attendance last week 93.86%

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

24 November 2023

Hazel - Maisie

Cherry - Bella

Beech - Isabel

Ash - Oliver

Willow - Hiba-Tul-Mussawar

Rowan - Tyler

Hawthorn - Deji

1 December 2023

Hazel - Jessica

Cherry - Cody

Beech - Om

Ash - William

Willow - Oly

Rowan - Amrita

Hawthorn - Deji



Superstar Learners of the Week



24 November 2023

Hazel - Harry

Cherry - Ivy

Beech - Olivier

Ash - Wareef

Willow - Jonathan

Rowan - Penny

Hawthorn - Stasiu

1 December 2023

Hazel - Frankie

Cherry - Lyla-Rose

Beech - Mufeeque

Ash - Elsie

Willow - Scarlett

Rowan - Scarlet

Hawthorn - Ellie



A Message from St Mark's Church

St Marks Church wish the school community a very blessed and peace filled Christmas.

We enjoy partnering with the school to provide Christian spiritual input through 'Collective Worship' and visits to Church and the RE curriculum.

From January 2024, St Marks Church will become part of a Minster Church when we join with St Peter and St Paul Church, Busbridge Church and Hambledon Church to become one Church with 4 locations.

This means that resources and people will be shared across all 4 Churches. We have already seen the benefit of this as Marcus Hockley, the Childrens worker based at Busbridge Church, leads 'Collective Worship' alongside myself on Thursday mornings and Ben Barnes the Youth, Children and Families Minister leads the 'Youth Café' for Years 4-6. We pray this relationship with our school community will develop and flourish to provide spiritual enrichment to the whole school community.

On that note, I'd like to extend an invitation to Christmas services to you all. To find out more please visit parishofgodalming.org.uk or pop in to St Marks Church to find out more.

*Praying God's blessing on you and your family this Christmas Season.
Rev Sheila Samuels*

School Day start time.

We have noticed that a growing number of pupils are arriving into school late.

The gates open at 8:45 and the school day starts at 8:55 am so any child arriving after this time will be marked as late.

If your child is late please remember that parents/carers must come into the school office and sign their child in noting the reason for lateness.

Let's finish the term with everyone in on time for the last week!



Waverley Family Centre

Wednesday mornings
from the 17th January to the
7th February ; 9.30-11.30am
St Mark and All Saints, Godalming

DICE

Supporting families to understand the risks
young people face in modern society

This **FREE** 4 session course covers:

- Thinking about the life of a teenager
- The exploitation of children & young people
- Digital dangers
- Parenting top tips

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information scan
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To book your place email:
kathy.guyebarnardos.org.uk

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



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS?

Come along to our get into teaching event and find out how you could embark on a career with excellent progression opportunities where no two days are the same.



Tuesday 5th December / 17:00-18.30
Hammond School, Lightwater GU18 5TS

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At Inspiring Future Teachers - GST Teacher Training, we offer all the benefits of being part of a large national programme whilst at the same time providing locally delivered school-based training in Good Shepherd Trust primary schools.

Inspiring Future Teachers (IFT) has been created through a partnership of multi-academy trusts, Teaching School Hubs, Curriculum Hubs, Research Schools and existing SCITT providers with many years of experience in leading Initial Teacher Training in their local areas.

Our 'Get into Teaching' evening is open to anyone interested in training to teach in the Primary sector - start date September 2024.

The event will include a presentation from our team of experts explaining how school-based teacher training works as well as offering you the opportunity to ask questions about the options available to you and what it's like to teach. You will also get one-to-one advice on the entry requirements, application process and the financial support available to you.



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info@glftt.org



Join our Children's Choir!
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Led by Ben de Souza
and Karen Beamer

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Now!

£10 per child
(£5 for siblings)

Ages 7-11

Tuesday 19th December
2-4pm

Oglethorpe Hall, Wilfred Noyce Centre

"Emilia had a fantastic morning. Thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you"

"I liked the warm up counting group game"

"I especially liked Bumblebee Tuna!"

Book your place now!
Email:gcc@godalmingchoral.org.uk

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SURREY
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WHAT IS SUPPORTED LODGINGS?

- Supportive home-based accommodation for 16-25 year olds in care in Surrey or who are leaving care
- You provide a room and share your living space with a young person
- Supported Lodgings carers play a mentoring role for the young person living with them, helping them to gain skills needed for when they move out and live independently
- Many Supported Lodgings carers continue to work full-time and spend time in the evenings and at weekends with the young person staying with them

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- People with a spare room who are looking to make a difference to young people in their local area
- People who are flexible, caring, resilient, have a good sense of humour and enjoy the company of young people

Who to contact?

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

01276 21884
www.koosakids.co.uk



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4 - 5

THURSDAY

16TH NOVEMBER

14TH DECEMBER



THE READING AGENCY



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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (9x SESSIONS)
Standard Activity Day - 10.00am to 4.00pm	£25.50	£197.50 (Save £90.20)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension - 8.75am to 4.00pm	£27.50	£206.50 (Save £110.00)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension - 10.00am to 6.00pm	£27.50	£206.50 (Save £110.00)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.75am to 6.00pm	£28.50	£211.50 (Save £114.00)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

VENUE	OCTOBER 2023	CHRISTMAS 2023	FEBRUARY 2024
Go Karts Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
Swing sets Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Portway Infant School, Andover	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Court Moor School, Fleet	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Hook Infant School, Hook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Liphook Junior School, Liphook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Relaxation & Massage Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
King Athelstan Primary School, Kingston	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
Swing sets Aldford Park Primary School, Aldford	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
Shottersmill Junior School, Haslemere	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Dauntree Primary School, West Ewell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Hasby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Knaphill Leaver School, Woking	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February

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For everyone aged 4 to 10, players are organised into smaller groups by age to ensure maximum learning and enjoyment.

Charterhouse Club Full day camp 10am - 4pm
Monday 18th - Thursday 21st December Half day camp 10am - 1pm

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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