



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



'Together we care, learn and achieve'

Friday 19th November 2021

Nativities and Carol Service



We are very much looking forward to our Nativities next week and Carol Service in the last week of term. We are very grateful to the parents and carers who have let us know which days they would like to attend the nativity. We are limiting attendance to two adults per family this year as we only have capacity for that number, following guidelines, in our hall. In taking these measures (two performances, limited seating) we have so far avoided moving to a recorded performance as some other schools have needed to. If that became necessary due to changes in the local or national situation we would let you know as soon as possible and would record the performance instead. We will not be recording the performance unless we have to cancel the live performances. This is because we have many children without filming or photographic permissions and therefore school filming has to be done very carefully. For this same reason we would remind you not to film or photograph from the audience. We will send each child home with their costume after the last performance so you can hold a photographic session at home and would then ask that you return their costume (if it is a school one) the next day. We are currently exploring our options for the Carol Service and would ask that - for Key Stage 2 parents only - you respond to the Google Form we are sending out to let us know if you will be attending and if so whether you will need one or two tickets. If we are over capacity we will explore holding the event outdoors or over two days if our out-of-school participants are free on a second date.

Christmas Cards



From next week, for the last two weeks of term, our School postbox will be in the school hall and our Year 6 elves will be sorting and distributing the post each day. If your child would like to send cards into school please ensure a class name is clearly written on each one as well as a surname for each child if you know it!

Everyone is Welcome-Cathedral exhibition

Year 4 have contributed the St Mark and All Saints figure this year for the Guildford Cathedral 'Everyone is Welcome' exhibition. It is running from now, all over the holidays and into the New Year so please do check out the opening times and pop along to see all the wonderful creations, including our own.

Building works - 106 funding project

We are currently getting ready for the workmen to arrive on site before the end of term for our three phase building project and have also - very excitingly- commissioned the play areas for the Early Years at the rear of the Family Hub and for the KS1 playground this week. The designs are amazing and will provide spectacular learning environments for our Nursery and Key Stage One children to equal those already in place for Reception and Key Stage 2. We look forward to sharing more details when everything is finalised but below is a sneak peek of the first design for the outdoor learning area for Early Years - Nursery(which will be to the rear of the Family Hub) to whet your appetite! We hope for the project to be completed in all 3 areas of the school by Summer 2022.



Fundraising Fun!

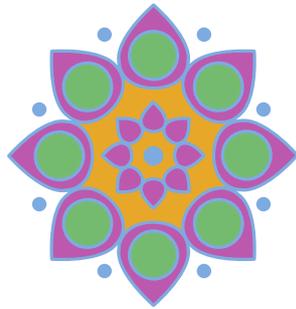
Friday 10th December is a double fund-raising day at St Mark and All Saints! We will be raising money for **Save the Children** with our £1 donations for wearing our mufti and Christmas Jumpers to school but we will also be doing our first ever Reindeer Run for **Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice!** Please do get busy collecting sponsorship for your child over the weekend ready for collection next Thursday before the run - Festive photos to follow.

HAZEL CLASS BLOG

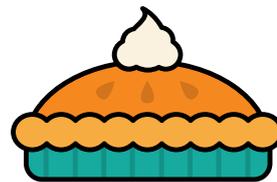


We have had a really busy half term in Hazel class, learning the songs and words for our Nativity "A Miracle In Town". The children are getting really stuck into their reading now and love the new Big Cat Collins Reading Books kindly donated to us by the Dan Eley Foundation. We have learned all of the single letter sounds in the alphabet and are learning to spot digraphs (where two letters make one sound) in our reading now!

We found out about some of the Light celebrations that happen around the world at this time of year - talking about Bonfire night and spending time learning about the colourful festival of light "Diwali", creating our own Diva lamps and making Rangoli patterns.



For Friendship Week, the children wrote about the ingredients they would include in a 'friendship pie', carefully considering the qualities they would find in a good friend. They then had lots of fun creating their very own friendship pies at the playdough table!



At the end of November we had an exciting journey on a double-decker bus into Godalming to visit the Library and learn a little bit about where we live and some of the people in our community who help us. Look out for more photos and information about our trip in the next Reading Newsletter!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 December – Forest school parent and pre-nursery 2- 3:00pm with Surrey Wildlife Trust
7 December – OpenBox Pantomime
8 December – Nativity performance to parents 2:15pm YN-2
9 December – Nativity performance to parents 9:15 am YN-2
10 December – Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
14 December – KS2 Carol Service (Y3-6) 2pm

Last Day of Term

17 December finish at 1:15pm

4 January – First day of term
10 January – Rowan Class African drumming workshop
13 January – Wintershall assembly – whole school
31 January – Science Dome visit – whole school

11 Feb – Last day of term
February 14th – 18th – Half Term
21 February – Inset Day

Attendance 2021-2022

Annual attendance for whole school 92.9%
Attendance this week 87.5%
Attendance last week 90.3%

Inset Dates 2021-2022

Monday 21 February 2022
Friday 27 May 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

Staffing news

We have recently welcomed Mrs Staniforth as a new member of our Early Years staff team, she was previously a midday supervisor and is now undertaking a teaching assistant apprenticeship with us.

At Christmas we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Poulton - who is retiring after 9 years of wonderful service to our school - she will be very much missed by us all but we hope she now has lots of extra time to enjoy her family and plans for a new puppy.

Mrs Van Kastaren and Miss Leal are also moving on to pastures new to fulfil their career dreams: Mrs Van Kastaren is leaving us to become a SEN Case Officer at Surrey and Miss Leal is taking up her first teaching post at Wood Street! We will miss them both but wish them well in their very exciting next steps continuing to support the education of children in Surrey.

GoRead

Please remember to log your children's home reading (of school or 'home' books) on GoRead to share their progress with their teachers and allow dialogue between you about what they enjoy reading and where they are being supported.



We will be sending you an invitation via email in the next few weeks to set up a login for Arbor this can be done via the app or online. After the Christmas break we will be sending messages via the app or via email only.

Stars of the Week



26 November 2021

There was no assembly on this date

3 December 2021

Hazel - Alex

Beech - Kayden & Jack S

Ash - James-Dean

Willow - Daniel

Rowan - Kaleb

Hawthorn - Scarlett



Academic Stars of the Week



26 November 2021

There was no assembly on this date

3 December 2021

Hazel - Jessica

Beech - Jack G & Lucas

Ash - Freddie

Willow - Matei

Rowan - Scarlet J

Hawthorn - Aliyan



COME AND CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS WITH US AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

Service dates and times

- 28th November 10.00 Advent Sunday
- 12th December 4.00pm Christingle Tea
- 19th December 6.00pm Carol Service
- 24th December 4.00pm Crib Service
- 25th December 10.00am Family Communion

We'd love to welcome you, your family and friends to one of Christmas Services this year

At the heart
of Christmas 

St Mark's Church Franklyn Rd, Godalming GU7 2LD



SmartTots
Toddler Group

SMART TOTS IS A GROUP FOR BABIES AND PRE AGE SCHOOL CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS



EVERY WEDNESDAY 9.00AM - 11.00AM
(TERM TIME ONLY)

St Mark's Community Centre, Franklyn Rd
Godalming GU7 2LD

You are invited to:

 **Toddler Time**
@ St Mark's Church
9-10 am

Thursday mornings
14th, 21st Oct
11th, 18th, 25th Nov
9th, 16th Dec
9-10 am

For parents and
children under 5



with
Carol Lowries
and Mrs Wilson

Time to play,
snack time, rhymes
and singing



**St Mark and
All Saints**

"Regulae ut rursus, laetae et adhaerent"
In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd
C of E Primary School

Is your child starting school in September 2022?

SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

If your child was born
between 1 September 2017
and 31 August 2018 you
will need to apply for a
school place between
01 November 2021
and **15 January 2022**.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an
infant school you will
need to apply for
a place at a junior
school or a primary
school with a
year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
01 November 2021
and **15 January 2022**

