



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



'Together we care, learn and achieve'

Friday 16 December 2022



It has been a wonderful few weeks to experience in school: a return to full nativities and our carol service at St Mark's, our trip to Wintershall's Nativity Journey and then yesterday's Christmas Lunch altogether and our wonderful OpenBox panto. Huge thanks to FOSMAS for their support with the panto and Wintershall this year.

Although the cold snap has put a strain on heating bills at home it has certainly brought the element of winter wonderland to the children's last few days at school.

We are very grateful for the support our families have received from St Mark's Church and the Foodbank with amazing Christmas hampers and vouchers. The church is running a Warm Hub every Tuesday so please do go along and meet friends somewhere toasty over the holidays and beyond.

Our first day back is Wednesday 4th January 2023 as on Tuesday 3rd all staff will be having an INSET for further Maths No Problem training.

We have lots of new families joining us in January so please do look out for them, say hello and show them a warm welcome in the playground.

From everyone at St Mark and All Saints - thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes. We hope you have a fun and restful Christmas break and enjoy time with friends and family, look forward to seeing you in 2023!



Beech Class Blog

Beech Class have had a fantastic half term and a very busy last week of festive fun! In English, we have loved writing our non-chronological reports about our imaginary creatures and we have really enjoyed recreating Clare Bevan's poem A Few Frightening Things - some with a Christmas twist! Beech have had a brilliant half term in maths and we have been very impressed with all of the children's work on multiplication. We have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in our history lessons and we rounded off our RE topic about why Christmas matters to Christians with a chilly trip to Wintershall to watch the Nativity Journey. Our favourite part was visiting the baby lambs that had only been born that morning! We have been extremely busy the past few weeks rehearsing our Nativity play and it was a very proud moment for all of the children to be involved on the stage and perform in front of an audience.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Break – 19 December – 2 January

3 January – Inset

5 January – Cherry Class Neil Armstrong workshop (in school event)

9 January – Open Classrooms 2:45pm – 3:15pm

10 January – Rowan Class to Rodborough for ICT event

11 January – Help your Child Manage Anxiety Course

12 January – Ash Class trip to Haselmere Museum

16 January – Family Thrive Course 1:30pm – 3:00pm

18 January – Help your Child Manage Anxiety Course

23 January – Family Thrive Course 1:30pm – 3:00pm

25 January – Help your Child Manage Anxiety Course

26 January – Hazel Class Trip to Alice Holt

30 January – Family Thrive Course 1:30pm – 3:00pm

1 February – Willow Class Assembly 9:00am – 9:30am

6 February – Beech Class trip to Shah Jahan Mosque

6 February – Open Classrooms 2:45pm – 3:15pm

10 February – Inset

Spring Half term – 13 February – 17 February

20 – 24 February – Ash Class swimming lessons at 1:00pm

20 – 24 February – Hawthorn Class Cycle Training – Group 1

Attendance 2022-2023

Annual attendance for whole
school to date %

Attendance this week %

Attendance last week %

Inset Dates 2022-2023

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

Stars of the Week



9 December 2022

Hazel - Summer

Cherry - Om

Beech - Joseph

Ash - Masha

Willow - Amrita

Rowan - Aaliyah

Hawthorn -

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No celebration assembly this
week



Academic Stars of the Week

9 December 2022

Hazel - Cassia

Cherry - Jessica

Beech - Ralph

Ash - Henry

Willow - Elee

Rowan - Ryan

Hawthorn -

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Introducing the Eco-Council!

Our school Eco-Council members this year are:

Freddie and Om (Cherry)
Ralph (Beech)
Alfie (Ash)
Isabelle and Riley (Willow)
Matei and Georgia (Rowan)
Will and Imogen (Hawthorn)



We have had three meetings over the Autumn term and much has been accomplished already:

- Plants (kindly donated by the local community) have been brought into every classroom for the children to tend to and the Council members have consulted their classmates about their most pressing environmental concerns.
- They have conducted an Environmental Review of the school and identified both strengths and areas for improvement, from this review we are creating an Action Plan to target our work for 2023.
- The children record minutes at each meeting and these are displayed on the Eco-Council board in the KS1 library. Through all of this we are aiming for an Eco School Green Flag certification which would be a huge achievement by the children for our school and local community.

If any parents or family members have an idea for the Eco-Council we would welcome your input too, please speak to Miss Andrew if you would like to contribute.

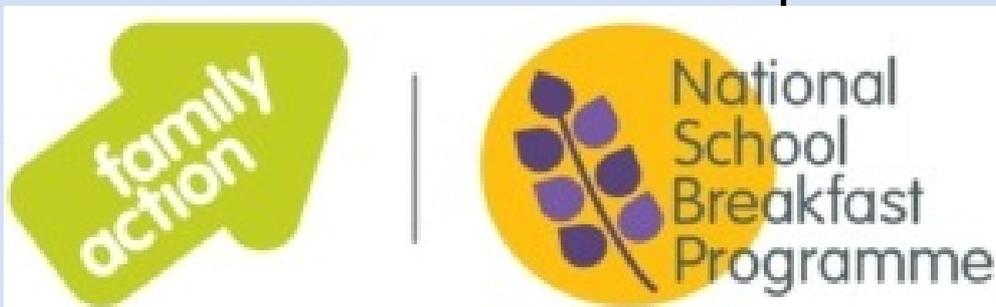
Coming in Jan 2023: Breakfast Bagel Bars!

We are very pleased to announce that when we come back to school in January we will be launching as part of the National School Breakfast Programme.

This means every child in school will be offered a toasted bagel, or half bagel depending on age, as they enter class in the morning completely FREE.

This will be available for all children, from those arriving for Morning Maths to all those who come in at 8:45 am, from Breakfast Bagel bars in each class .

This is part of a DfE sponsored initiative to ensure every child starts the day with a nutritious breakfast. 75% of the costs are met by the NSBP with their DfE sponsorship.



FOSMAS Events 2022-23

27 January - Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

24 February - Bounce for Books

31 March - Easter Egg Hunt

25 May - Obstacle Race

17 June - Summer Fair

Thank you so much for your support at the Christmas Fair - together we raised £1375 for our school ! We are going to spend it on: contribution to the Trim Trail, Christmas crackers, books for KS2, 3 toasters for our new Breakfast Bagels for all, £150 for each key stage to spend on outdoor resources and a mini projector for our Family Thrive course in The Hive!

Help your Child Manage Anxiety 3 week course



FREE COURSE

What will I learn?

You will increase your understanding of anxiety in children and learn new ways to help them manage it.

Topics will include:

- The definition of anxiety and what it feels like
- Signs and reasons for anxiety in children
- Strategies to help children manage their anxiety

Where: St Mark & All Saints School, Godalming

When: Wednesdays, January 11th, 18th & 25th

Time: 9.15am-11.15am

Who for: Parents/carers/grandparents

To book click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code



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In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd
C of E Primary School*



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.

Penalty Fines

Unauthorised Absence

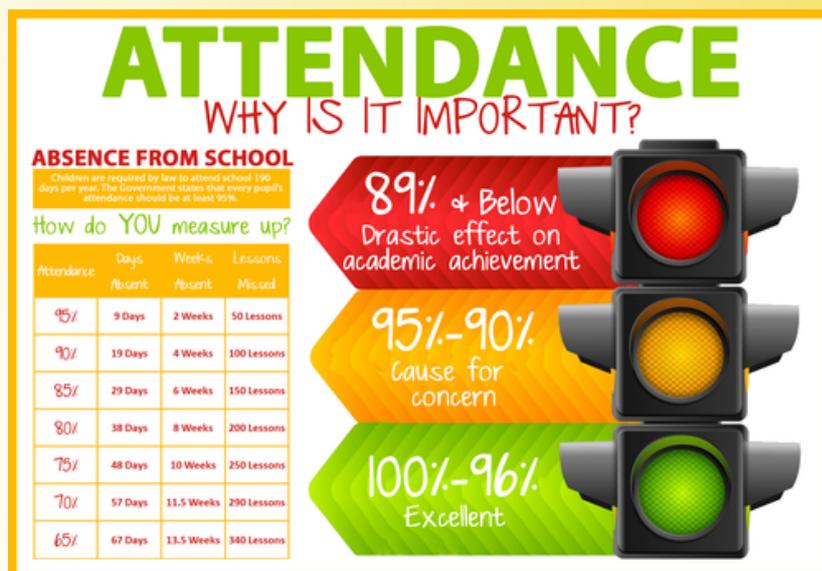
If you take your child out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

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, 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 call the school office (01483 422924) to report all absences before 9am or email info@stmarkallsaints.uk

Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2023 you can now apply online at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Closing date for applications is 15 January 2023



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get in touch with you within
24 hrs.**





Christmas Together

Churches Together in Godalming and TTT would love to invite you to our Christmas Together event on **Saturday 10th December** starting in **Crown Court** from **3:30pm** for outdoor entertainment. By **4pm** we will have moved into the **Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre** for readings and performances brought from local schools and community groups – *and this is where you come in... calling children of infant and primary school age!*

TTT will be staging a **'Scratch Nativity'** as part of the event and we need plenty of angels, shepherds and wise men to help us to act out the story of Jesus' birth. So, children, please ask your parents for dressing gowns and tea-towels, tinsel and paper crowns, toy lambs and shepherds crooks and come on down to play your part in the greatest story ever told! All you need to do is turn up in a costume and we'll do the rest. We look forward to seeing you!



NEXT GEN KIDS CAMP

Christmas Break

DEC 19TH - 21ST

Location: Seale Village Hall
GU10 1HY

Times: 9:00am - 4:00pm with early drop off and late pick options

Ages: 3 - 7*

www.nextgenkidscamp.co.uk
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