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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

22nd April 2022

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Friends of St Mark's,

I hope that you all had a good break during the Easter holidays. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Palm class attended a trip to Hampton Court today as part of their learning on the Tudors. Next week we will send out the Termly bulletins to provide you with more details about what children across the school will be learning in school, but please participate in linked visits and activities at home. Please also see the Summer Term dates for events that will be coming up and also next year's proposed dates for 2022-23.

RE Week

A big well done and thank you to all classes for their work during RE week. We were able to have a deep focus on the significance of Easter. The biggest thanks must go to Palm Class and their staff, who led a fantastic Easter service at St Mark's Church before the Easter Holidays. Thank you to all parents for supporting this event.

Nursery Places

If you have a two or three year old child and have not completed an application form, please do so as soon as possible, as our free, full-time, 30 hour places are fast filling up. We do not want any younger siblings to miss out on obtaining a place.

St Mark's C of E Primary School

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

If you are interested in a Nursery or Reception Class place for September 2022 please complete an application form here or to find out more about the school, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school on 02077351467

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Making a difference

BIBLE VERSE

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20.35

Attendance and Punctuality

Nur—91.33%
Rec— 88.42%
Year 1– 90.86%
Year 2 - 97.52%
Year 3—89.44%
Year 4—100%
Year 5 –100%
Year 6—93.37%

A really great start this week with 2 classes achieving our school target of 96%

Well done to everyone!!

School Uniform

Please remember to follow our uniform expectations and make sure children are dressed in full school uniform each day. Children should only wear trainers for PE.

School Uniform for Boys	School Uniform for Girls
*Pale Blue Polo shirt or Shirt	Grey skirt or trousers
Grey Tailored Shorts/Trousers	Grey tights or white socks
*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo	*Grey sweatshirt with School Logo
Black Shoes - NO TRAINERS	Blue check cotton dress with white socks (Summer)
*School Tie	Black Shoes – NO TRAINERS
	School Tie

Uniform for PE days

Please make sure that children are dressed in the items of closing that are shown below on their PE days. They will need to bring in a change of clothing on the days that they have an afternoon club and should still wear their usual school uniform.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Every summer lots of school jumpers get lost. Children take off their jumpers and they get miss-placed. Please can you make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled so they can be retrieved and returned to their owners.

Last week of Term 4 at St Mark's

During RE week, children made palm leaves, reflected in the peace garden, made Easter gardens, went to a church service and participated in different lessons about the true meaning of Easter

TERM 4	Joyful and Positive	Self control and collaboration	Leadership and Accountability	Effort and Hard Work	Kindness and Compassion
Juniper Class	Samuel	Maria	Danial	Aaron	Lillian
Oak Class	Elena	Suraiya	Papa	Alicia	Kelly
Olive Class	Nyah	Mustapha	Melody	Eva	Aiden
Palm Class					
Sycamore Class	Brian	Joseph	Ellie-May	Ana Luiza	Holly
Willow Class	Lisset	Kamarni	Ore	Kelly	Ronell
	Making Links	**Having a go**	**Being a good friend**	**Having their own ideas**	**Being involved**
Cedar Class	Yafet	Kingsley	Scarlett	Valentina	Ruby
Ebony Class	Kamia	Kashay	Jason	Dario	Lilly

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School

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20th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Mark's Afterschool Clubs for SUMMER Term 2022

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for the after school clubs this term for pupils in Year 1 to 6.

After school clubs for the Spring Term will **begin w/c Tuesday 3rd May 2022 and will run for 10 weeks, ending on Friday 15th July 2022.**

The cost for each club is £3.00 per week. The total cost for this term will be £30.00 per club (£27.00 for those clubs that run for 9 weeks).

All payments will be via ParentPay. Please log on to Parent Pay to book your child/children's places **by Wednesday 27th April 2022**. If you need any assistance booking online, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Please note these conditions apply to all clubs:

- Clubs have limited spaces and are booked **on a first-come first-serve basis.**
- **Places cannot be booked if you owe any money to the school (e.g. school dinners arrears/ late fees) – please ensure this debt is cleared to allow your child to be assigned to clubs.**
- Please collect your child on time or give permission for them to go home alone (Y6 only – must be 10 years).
- **Children who are not collected promptly on more than three occasions will be unable to continue to participate in the chosen club and will be charged a late fee.**
- Your child's place in any club is not guaranteed until full payment has been received and confirmed.
- Those entitled to a discount will need to pay the full amount for the clubs selected and a refund will be made through via ParentPay.
- Children are expected to behave and comply with all the school rules. Those who are unable to do so will be removed from the club without refund.
- Only those children attending a club can stay. **Siblings must be collected at 3.30pm**.
- Please provide your child with a light healthy snack & drink and ensure they have the correct kit
- **Clubs finish at 4.25pm** (Except Taekwondo for KS2 at 4.45pm).

Yours sincerely,

St Mark's Primary School

St Mark's CE Primary School

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER 2022

Clubs are 3.30-4.25pm, except * Taekwon-Do on Wednesdays **3.30pm-4.45pm**

Clubs will be **only £3.00**** per session! (**£30.00** per term) **First 2 Clubs half price for Pupil Premium

Children **MUST** wear **PE kits** for **all** sport activities.

Payment and bookings on ParentPay
on a first-come first-serve basis.

Clubs will START the week commencing Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Last week of clubs will be the week ending Friday 15th July 2022

DAY & CLUB	AVAILABLE TO YEARS	Places Available	Club Cost
MONDAY			
TENNIS	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.00*
ART & CRAFT	Years 1 - 6	20	£27.00*
TUESDAY			
DODGEBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
COOKING	Years 1- 3	20	£30.00
WEDNESDAY			
MULTISPORTS	Years 1 – 3	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
SEWING CLUB	Years 4 – 6	12	
*TAEKWONDO (KS1 & KS2 places available)	REC. Yr1 & Yr 2 ***3.00pm – 3:30pm** Yr 3 – 6 ***3:30pm – 4:45pm**		
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
FOOTBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
HOMEWORK	Years 2 – 6	20	£30.00

Payments for clubs are NON – TRANSFERABLE or REFUNDABLE:

- **If your child changes his/her mind.**
- **If clubs are CANCELLED due to staff absence.**

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AS ALL CLUBS ARE ALREADY SUBSIDISED

*** 9 week clubs**

DUE TO HIGH DEMAND, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF CLUBS.

If there is not enough demand for certain clubs, we may not be able to run them this term.

School Diary Dates - Terms 5 & 6

Friday 1st April 2022	Last day of Spring Term	Children finish at 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th April 2022	First Day of Term 5	
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Children return to school	
Tuesday 19th April 2022	National Reception place offer day	
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement	
Friday 22nd April 2022	Year 4 visit to Hampton Court	
Monday 25th April 2022	St Mark's Day	Talent show pm
Monday 25th April 2022	Year 5 final swimming session	
Wednesday 27th April 2022	EYFS Stay and Play	
Thursday 28th April 2022	Year 1 visiting Sea Life Centre from 11.15 am	
Friday 29th April 2022	Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament	
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 3rd May 2022	Year 3 visiting Durning Library	
Tuesday 3rd May 2022	After School Clubs Start	
Thursday 5th May 2022	School Closed due to Polling Station use	Staff and children working from home
Friday 6th May 2022	Year 4 visiting Durning Library	
Friday 6th May 2022	Year 5 out at Into-University	
w/c Monday 9th May 2022	KS 2 SATS	Year 6 Tests all week
Monday 9th May 2022	Year 4 begin swimming sessions	
Friday 13th May 2022	Year 3 involved in pedestrian training	AM
Wednesday 18th May 2022	Year 6 involved in action breaks silence	
Wednesday 25th May 2022	Year 5 and 6 Strings concert	2.55pm start
Thursday 26th May 2022	Year 3 and 4 recorder concert	2.55pm start
Friday 27th May 2022	YR5/6 String Concert	TBC
Friday 27th May 2022	Year 3 Anglo Saxon Day	
Friday 27th May 2022	Welcome Morning for new EYFS Parents	9.10-10.00 am
w/c 30th May – 3rd June 2022	Half term	
Monday 6th June	First Day of Term 6	
Friday 10th June	EYFS Welcome morning for new parents	
Friday 17th June 2022	Fathers' Day Breakfast	
Monday 20th June 2022	Year 4 involved with Into University	
Tuesday 21st June 2022	School photographer in for group photos	
Thursday 23rd June 2022	Sports Day -tbc	
Friday 24th June 2022	Quadkids YR 5/6 Kennington Park	Am/pm sessions TBC
Friday 24th June 2022	EYFS Sports Day	
27th June 2022-29th June 2022	Year 6 School Journey	
Friday 1st July 2022	Badminton Festival YR5/6 London Nautical School	12 – 2.30pm TBC
Friday 1st July 2022	Summer Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm	New date instead of Saturday 25th June
Tuesday 5th July 2022	Visit to St Mark's Church	
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	Event for New parents
Friday 8th July 2022	Award Ceremony	
Sunday 10th July 2022	**Year 6 Leavers Service St Mark's Church 10.15am**	Year 6 to be awarded with a prize at this special leavers service
Wednesday 13th July 2022	**End of Year Reports Distributed on Show-case afternoon**	
Tuesday 19th July 2022	Year 6 end of Year production	6pm start
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last day of Summer Term	School finishes at 1.30pm

St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Draft Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the draft term dates for the next academic year. Dates will be finalised in the next few weeks

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Jun-23						
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Aug-23						
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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FACEBOOK

AGE RATING 13+

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

LIVE

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be cajoled into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

SAVVY SHARING

Friends

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

CAUTION

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.

Sources: www.facebook.com/safety/bullying

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