



St Mark's C of E Academy

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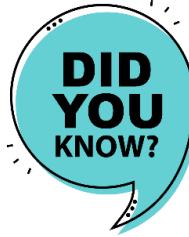


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Newsletter week ending 24th February 2023



Attendance Matters...



90% is the threshold set by the government for persistent absence

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

	Attendance last week	Attendance since Sept'22
Duckpool (3)	94%	94%
Sandymouth (2)	93%	93%
Summerleaze (1)	94%	94%
Well done Summerleaze & Duckpool for the highest % this week!		
Whole school	93.2%	93.6%

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please text the office via the app by 9.15am so that it can be marked in the register. Please do not send a message via siblings. Thank you

Dear Parents and families,



Educatering

The School Food Revolution

SCHOOL MEALS

We are really looking forward to our new school meals starting next week.

[Educatering](#) are very keen to offer meals that the children (and staff) will enjoy and open to tailor future menus following feedback. We are hoping to be able to offer some tasting/sampling for parents too at some point in the near future.

Please note: From this point onwards school meals need to be booked a week in advance. The school office will be placing meal orders every Friday for the following week.



ART GALLERY

As those of you who came to our Art drop in will know, the children have been working incredibly hard on developing their artistic skills and producing some wonderful final pieces. We are planning an art gallery to showcase our budding artists in the hall during parent consultations next week so please pop in and have a look.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

This week has seen a spotlight on our positive behavior policy. As a school, We believe that all children have the right to a calm, safe and supportive learning environment. At St. Mark's, we know that children perform best when they are encouraged and motivated to learn.

As you know we have four different house teams across the school,

Eagles, Hawks, Kestrels, Merlins and children are awarded team points for great learning behaviours, achievements, living out our school values amongst many other positive recognitions. We will now be tallying up team points across the school on a weekly basis and then awarding a non-school uniform day to the winning team at the end of term.

During this week's collective worship, we discussed the impact of children's misbehavior on our learning and happiness in school. We went through the consequences (outlined in our behavior

policy) from verbal warnings through to recorded C4s. Please see our positive behavior policy on the website for more detailed information.



World Book Day

Don't forget its World Book Day on Thurs 2nd March with optional dressing up as a book character. We also can't wait to see their book character vegetable creations - please bring them into school on the day. The school council will judge and choose a winner from each class to win a prize.

Kind thanks
Tanya Clark



CONDUCTIVE MUSIC WORKSHOPS

This week all classes were treated to workshops from **Conductive Music**. In the workshops children have been making experiments with small a instrument called the 'makeymakey'.

They have been learning about electricity and been testing materials as conductors and insulators. They learned that electricity can pass through humans and have been making music by highfiving each other, and practiced a song on a conductive ruler piano! (this is a plastic ruler with metal tape patches) It was all very interactive and lively and the children had a lot of fun!

Pictures have been posted onto Class Dojo

Parents, welcome to:
Schoolgateway

Keeping you informed of what's going on at school.

Download the app
or visit the website:
www.schoolgateway.com

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TRIP PAYMENTS/INSTALLMENTS/CONSENT REMINDERS

Please check the School Gateway app for installment dates regarding swimming (Sandymouth and Summerleaze Class) the residential (Summerleaze Class) and Newquay Zoo (whole school)

- **Newquay Zoo payment and consent due 14/02/23 (please action ASAP)**
- **Bristol residential installment one due 15/02/23 (please action ASAP)**
- **Bristol residential installment two due 15/03/23**
- **Swimming payment is due by 03/04/23**

Dates for your Diary

Every Week	Coming up	
SANDYMOUTH (CLASS 2) Outdoor Learning – Fridays	Week beg Mon 27 th Feb	Parent consultation week
	Week beg Mon 27 th Feb	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
	Tue 28 th Feb	Songfest Rehearsal - Year 6
	Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day
	Tue 7 th March	Songfest Performance - Year 6
	Thursday 9 th March 2-3.15pm	Coffee, cake and conversation
	Week beg Mon 20 th March	Scholastic book fair
	Wed 29 th March	Newquay Zoo Trip
	Mon 3 rd April - Fri 14 th	April Easter Holidays
	Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
	Friday 26 th May	Inset Day
	Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	May Half term
	Wed 26 th July	Summer Holidays

SAVE THE DATE! BOOK FAIR! WEEK BEGINNING 20th MARCH!

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE Book Fair

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FIND HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

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AGES 6+

EVERY BOOK YOU BUY EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

AGES 8+

FREE GIFT WITH MARCH BOOK FAIR!

With your March Book Fair, you will also receive free chapter samples of the latest books from bestselling author Stephen King and Aris Margen The Unlikely Rise of Harry Springer!

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NURSERY NEWS

This week Nursery have enjoyed making and eating pancakes, we also searched for circles in our classroom and on the playground.



Reminder that show and tell is on a Tuesday so please only bring home toys in on this day.
Have a lovely weekend,
Katy and Ali



PTA SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS – SAVE ON POSTAGE!

Our fantastic St Mark's PTA will be putting in a bulk order for school uniform. If you would like to order any of the items below, please email Ria Ria@2ndlyfe.co.uk

BACS payments please to:
St Marks PTA
s/c 53-50-52
a/c 56716249

ITEM	SIZE	COST
Sweatshirts incl. Nursery	Age 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10,11-12	£10.90
Cardigans	Age 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10,11-12	£13.50
PE T-shirts/Nursery T-shirts	Age 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10,11-12	£5.30
Adult Sized PE T-shirt	XS - XL	£6.50
Adult Sized Sweatshirt	XS - XL	£14.95