



St Mark's C of E Academy

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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)	85%	93%
Sandymouth (2)	91%	93%
Summerleaze (1)	91%	94%
Well done for the highest % this week!		
Whole school	89.2%	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. Thanks

Dear Parents and families,

As you all know, this week has seen additional days of teacher industrial action which, thankfully, this has not affected us directly as a school. I would like to, once again, thank our teachers for their commitment to the children of St. Mark's which has meant no disruption for their learning.

STAFF NEWS

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Gale will be leaving us at the end of this term, she has decided to take a break from teaching. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the children of our school and wish her well on her future adventures.

I am delighted to say that Miss Clark will be teaching Sandymouth class fulltime after the Easter holidays from Monday 17th April - this will provide secure contiuniuty for the children and the school community.

NURSERY BABY AND TODDLER FAMILY GROUP

We are excited to introduce our Baby and Toddler family group which will start after the Easter holidays. Parents and carers will be invited to join staff in Nursery with their little ones to stay and play. Please see the poster for further details and spread the word.

NURSERY - PARENT VIEW

All parents were sent a google form to ask for views regarding increasing the number of days (staffing dependent) and whether to open up places for 2 year olds - thank you to those parents who have completed this so far. If this is relevant to you please add your responses asap.

ILLNESS and CONTACT DETAILS

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please ring/text/email the office by 9.15am so that it can be noted in the register. You will know that we operate first day calling - if we have not been informed of a reason for a child's absence, we make contact with you. This is part of our Safeguarding policy. Please can we remind parents to ensure that we have up to date contact details at all times.

Kind thanks, Tanya Clark

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Newsletter week ending 17th March 2023

PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE

All pupils across the Trust were asked to complete a pupil questionnaire. I am very proud to share the results of these for St. Mark's.

- 97% said they were proud to attend our school
- 94% said they felt listened to and had a voice in class and our school community
- 94% said our school values helped them to understand how to live together as a school family
- 94% said their teacher(s) helped them when they found things hard
- 96% said their teachers know and understand them
- 97% said there are lots of opportunities to learn about lots of different subjects
- 87% said their classmates are supportive
- 96% said there are clear expectations for behaviour and it is fair
- 98% said they know how to stay safe online
- 98% said if they told someone at school they were worried about something, they would help

There was also a question about future ideas of things that we could do as part of a family of schools across the Cornwall Hub and the wider Trust, there were many suggestions of shared trips and PE events. We will get our thinking caps on!

This Week's Commendations and School Value Awards

Duckpool	Sandymouth	Summerleaze
Layla Amelia Connor Charlie James Gus Iris	Murphy Kai Sandy Josh Olivia Harvey	Summer Alfie Elfie Louie Teddy Joseph



The Kind and Helpful Cup is awarded to
AMBER!

WELL DONE AMBER!

POLITE REMINDER

- Wearing nail varnish is not allowed in school
- Please could all long hair be tied back



Dates for your Diary

Every Week	Coming up	
<h3 style="color: #00b0c0;">SANDYMOUTH (CLASS 2)</h3> <p style="color: #00b0c0;">Outdoor Learning – Fridays</p>	Week beg Mon 20 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
	Fri 24 th March	PTA School Disco
	Tues 28 th March 2.45-3.15pm	Easter Service at Shop Chapel
	Wed 29 th March	Newquay Zoo Trip (whole school)
	Mon 3 rd April - Fri 14 th	April Easter Holidays
	Wed 26 th April	Coffee, cake and conversation
	Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
	Mon 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
	Tue 9 th – Fri 12 th May	SATS week (KS2 Yr 6)
	Fri 26 th May	INSET Day
	Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	May Half term
	Sat 24 th June	Patronal festival
	Wed 26 th July	Summer Holidays

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE Book FAIR

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR*

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

NEW David Walliams *GANGSTA GRANNY STRIKES AGAIN!* £7.99

NEW George Webber *This is ME!* £7.99

ROALD DAHL *GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE* £3.99

CAT KID *COMIC CLUB COLLABORATIONS* £10.99

DAV PILKEY *Hardback only £8.99*

NEW *BABY RACE* £6.99

NEW *THE GECKO AND THE ECHO* £6.99

NEW *TUNA WOLF ANIMAL WIZARD* £7.99

ALESHA DIXON

BOOK FAIR!

The Book Fair will be held in the hall after school between 3.15-3.45pm on

- Tues 21st
- Wed 22nd and
- Thurs 23rd March.

Please come along and visit with your children.

All payments will need to be made online (directly to Scholastic) so please ensure you bring your mobile phone and debit card. No cash payments will be accepted.

You can also pay online at home if you wish - we can reserve books for you for 24hrs.

ST MARKS PTA SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 24th MARCH



AVAILABLE TO BUY

HOTDOGS/VEGGIE HOTDOGS £1

CRISPS & SWEETS 10P - 50P

DONUTS 50P

TATTOOS 10P

All proceeds to St. Mark's PTA

3.15 - 5PM

ENTRY £1.50

BRING YOUR PARTY CLOTHES TO SCHOOL



EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

LJD COACHING  

At Stratton Primary School

4 Days of Fun in April
Monday - Thursday second week of the holidays.
For children aged 5 to 11.
Multi Sports with Art & Craft, Music and Lego.

Free for Free School Meals Children
If your child is in receipt of free school meals they can attend every day for FREE by claiming your free school meal voucher through this link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move>  

*****Only £5 for children living in Bude and Stratton*****
Pupils of Bude and Stratton schools, discounts are applied on booking. If you don't go to a Bude or Stratton school but live in Bude or Stratton constituency you can claim a refund from Bude-stratton Town Council office after the programme.

 **Free Breakfast and Lunch For All Children**
All children who attend will receive a free light breakfast and hot lunch on the day. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Multi-Sport, Arts & Crafts, Music, Lego and more...
Multi Sports offers your child a huge range of sports, physical activities and alternative activities in a safe, fun, inclusive environment for all. 

£20
BOOK AS FEW OR AS MANY SESSIONS AS YOU LIKE!

Session Dates
Tues 11th April
Weds 12th April
Thurs 13th April
Fri 14th April

9:45am - 2:00pm

Book Now Using the Link or QR Code
<https://playwaze.com/ljd-coaching/e85aljhpv5l/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/77569-C> 

EASTER HOLS

Where: Stratton Primary School.

Free: Children in receipt of FSM go free using their voucher code

£5 a day: Children living in Bude and Stratton or attending Bude and Stratton Primary Schools can attend for just £5 a day.

Included in the day is Breakfast and a hot lunch with dessert, and fruit available all day for snacks.

Children only need to wear appropriate clothing for sports activities and dance and bring a drinks bottle.

Booking link <https://playwaze.com/ljd-coaching/e85aljhpv5l/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/77569-C>

FSM voucher link [Time2Move Holiday Programme - Cornwall Council](#)

£20 a day if not applicable for discounts.

NURSERY NEWS

Children have been thinking about baby animals this week. We also went to the nature garden to search for frog's spawn and we now have some in Nursery so we can watch them grow!



Have a lovely weekend everyone, Katy and Ali

