



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)	96%	93%
Sandymouth (2)	90%	93%
Summerleaze (1)	98%	94%
Well done Summerleaze for the highest % this week!		
Whole school	93.8%	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,

It has been another very busy week in school including our SIAMS inspection on Tuesday. The children were amazing and proudly shared their learning and thoughts about our school with the inspector. As her letter to parents explained, once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be in approximately three weeks.



SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

We are pleased to announce our newly appointed school librarians. They all submitted a job application, stating why they wanted to be a librarian and what skills and knowledge they could offer. Huge congratulations to Poppy, Alfie, Honey and Lottie!

NURSERY

We are very excited to share, following valuable feedback from parents, that from 17th April 2023 we will be opening our Nursery 4 days a week - Mon-Thurs. We will also begin taking some 2yr olds while staffing/ratios allow. The increase in days will initially be temporary for the summer term to gauge need and uptake. We will then evaluate our provision offer for Sept 23. Please contact Katy kcolborne@lapsw.org to enrol your child or to request extra sessions. Please note numbers are limited to staffing ratios and any hours over your child's funding will be chargeable.

EASTER SERVICE

A reminder that we will be holding our Easter Service at Shop chapel on Tuesday 28th March from 2.45pm. Revd Simon Leigh has kindly offered to lead the service for us, the children will be singing some songs and some of the older children will be reading some poems or prayers. You are all invited to join us. Please can all parents collect their children from the chapel at the usual end of day time of 3.15pm even if they are not attending the service. Please use the community centre carpark.

St. Marks C of E Academy

Newsletter week ending 24th March 2023



NEWQUAY ZOO TRIP

We are all getting very excited about our trip to Newquay Zoo next week. Please can I remind you all that we will be arriving back at school at later time of 4.30pm. To ensure the coaches can pull up safely, please ensure you do not park on the pavements or restrict access. The children need to wear school uniform, have a waterproof coat, packed lunch and a water bottle.

Entitled children, who have ordered a free school meal, can collect this from the school kitchen on the day - they will need a bag to carry it in. The deadline for ordering a packed lunch has now closed so please provide one from home if you haven't placed an order.

Kind thanks
Tanya Clark

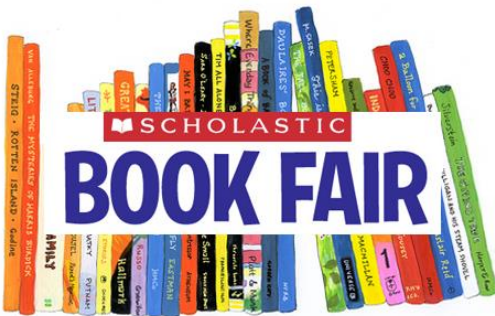
Fundraising News

Thank you for your generosity!

We raised £60 for **Comic Relief** and £60 for **Wear Red for Cornwall Air Ambulance**.



RED NOSE DAY



Thank you to those who attended and supported our book fair. Your purchases mean we will receive free books for our school library. We will let you know the amount we raised for books ASAP.

This Week's Commendations and School Value Awards

Duckpool	Sandymouth	Summerleaze
Alba Cecily Elsie Imogen	Yoni Dulcie Amber Harvey Bella	Isaac Flo Finley Poppy Ollie J Josh



The Kind and Helpful Cup was awarded to...

CECILY

WELL DONE CECILY!

Dates for your Diary

Every Week	Coming up	
SANDYMOUTH (CLASS 2) Outdoor Learning – Fridays	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 19 th April 3.15pm	SATs meeting for Y6 parents
	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

School Meals

Placing orders

Thank you for ordering in advance so we can place our weekly order on a Friday morning. There are still a few children without bookings each week, and although there is always some spare food, it puts pressure on the kitchen, so please ensure a booking is made for your child. Thank you.

Dinner Money Balances

Please can all dinner money owing be paid by Friday 31st March at the latest so we can clear the accounts. We are aiming to switch over to the new 'My Child at School' app for meal bookings and payments after Easter and will keep you well informed of any changes.

VACANCIES

We have a fantastic opportunity for someone to join our team at St. Mark's as a cleaner.

Please see the job advert attached to the newsletter for full details or visit: www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies for all trust vacancies across the board, including this one.

Don't worry! Ian Williams will still be with us as Site Supervisor, which we are all very happy about!



WE ARE HIRING!



Cleaner – St Marks C of E Academy

15 hours per week / 41 Weeks Per Year
£10.50 per hour

Closing Date – Friday 31st March 2023 (9am)

www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies or contact Rob Court (Operational Estates Lead) on 07989 441997 / rcourt@lapsw.org



NURSERY NEWS

This week Nursery have been exploring their new mud kitchen, it is already a firm favourite. We have also been talking about Easter and what that means to us, with some lovely ideas from the children.



Have a fantastic weekend!
Katy and Ali



Hi Everyone

The PTA would like to update you on the initial plan for the legacy donation. This discussion has taken a little longer than we hoped, but obviously the school changes are in place now so we can forge ahead.

We are putting a 10-year plan around this legacy, so it benefits the children long-term. Part of the legacy will be invested, so the maximum number of children will benefit across this period.

The school has requested some immediate support:

- Support with sport equipment – Hockey sticks etc.
- Music – 20 Ukuleles so an entire class can learn as a group.
- An outdoor shelter – an area for the children to shelter from the Cornish weather during playtime and also serve as an outdoor classroom space for small groups.

To honour the memory of John Littlejohn we are investigating/planning:

- Annual Activity Day – designed to engage the whole school and provide the opportunity to try a range of outdoor activities.
- Annual Awards linked to Activity Day – awarding effort, achievement, kindness, teamwork etc.
- Surf lessons – run a series of group lessons in the summer for children that are interested.
- Total funding for theatre / music trips - and other enriching activities that would normally be too costly for school / parents to fund.
- Gardening - the school has several raised beds which they maintain as best as they can. They would welcome any regular helpers with weeding/planting etc. We have extended an offer to fund these activities whenever needed. (This was an area many parents suggested we should support).
- Ongoing funding for in-school activities - such as the skate session we previously funded.

These activities are only a start so please do keep your ideas coming.

I would also like to send an open invite for new PTA members to help at this exciting time for the school and your children.

Best regards
Ruth Peters – PTA Chairperson

Bude Lifeboat Run ^{Junior}

Lifeboats

BUDE RATS

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Wednesday 14th June 2023

6:00pm Start for Sch Yrs 3&under

6:30pm Start for Sch Yrs 4&above

*This is the 14th running of this 1mile race around Bude's
cycleways and canal towpath*

*Includes Senior 6 Mile Race at 7:15pm
Race 6 of the Cornish Multi Terrain Race Series*



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