



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)	89%	93%
Sandymouth (2)	87%	93%
Summerleaze (1)	95%	94%
Well done Summerleaze for the highest % this week!		
Whole school	89.5%	93.4%

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,

What a wonderful final week to the Spring term it has been! Sandymouth thoroughly enjoyed their code writing and code cracking workshops with GCHQ. It was really wonderful to be in Chapel for our Easter service and to share it with parents. The children sang beautifully and the readers were so confident 😊 Thanks again to all the people (in the background) who made it happen and to Michelle for stepping in to lead the service at the last minute. Despite the wet weather (that we seemed to dodge) the children had a wonderful time visiting Newquay Zoo. They were impeccably behaved and the zoo staff were impressed with their knowledge and curious questions. Special thanks to our parent helpers.

We hope you have all received and found time to read our SIAMS inspection report that we are delighted with. I'd like to thank all of our amazing staff to make St. Mark's the wonderful happy, nurturing school that it is.

GOODBYE TO MRS GALE

This week has seen us saying our goodbyes to Mrs Gale. I know you will join me in thanking her hard work and dedication to the children of our school and wishing her well on her future adventures.

SILVER STORIES - A LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY

Here at St. Mark's C. of E. Academy, we are hoping to introduce a new project involving reading to members of our local community and we need your help to 'get going'.

To begin with, we need a list of older community members who would be interested in receiving a regular phone call from a young person from our school (they would be chaperoned by a member of staff). After a bit of an initial chat the young person would

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then share a story, a poem or even a piece of their own writing. The young person would be aged between 9 and 11 years old. We see this as a lovely opportunity for them to read to an adult and for an adult to enjoy being read to. We would hope that the experience would become one of the highlights of the week for both the reader and the listener.

If you would like to know more about becoming a listener or know someone who might, please contact the school either by telephoning 01288 331395 or by e-mail to stmarks@lapsw.org

I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

Kind thanks
Tanya Clark

This Week's Commendations and School Value Awards

Duckpool	Sandymouth	Summerleaze
WHOLE CLASS Team points for excellent behavior at Newquay Zoo	Flynn Dulcie Jacob S Caleb	Jayden Zara Honey Finley Max Freya



The Kind and Helpful Cup was awarded to...

Flo, in Year 5!

WELL DONE FLO!

Dates for your Diary

Every Week	Coming up	
SANDYMOUTH (CLASS 2) Outdoor Learning – Fridays	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

New Website for St. Mark's

Our new website is now **live** so please do have a look!

<https://stmarks-lap.co.uk/>

We will be adding new information and there is still a little work to do, so please bear with us.



PARENT LOGIN

My Child At School (MYCAS) is the app we are now using for school dinners, attendance, parents evenings and eventually all school payments and communication.

All parents should have received a login prompt and be able to access your child's school details.

If anyone has any problems with access or using the app please let Sam or Natalie know in the school office. We are here to help.

Here are the links to download the app on your phone for android and apple:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bromcom.mcas&hl=en_GB&gl=US

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mychildatschool/id1394575255>

Online Safety and Help for Parents

You will find in your email attachments a really useful list of internet safety There is also some useful information on our new website under e-safety

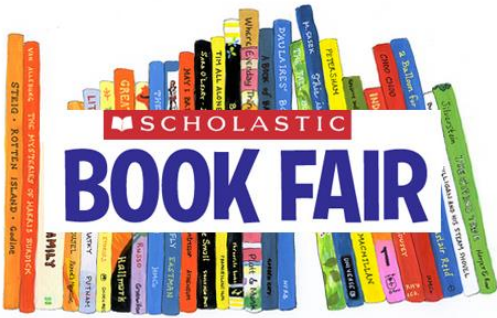
<https://stmarks-lap.co.uk/parents/e-safety/>



Water Bottles and Fruit

Please can we ask that all children bring a reusable, refillable waterbottle to school each day – not reused single use plastic bottles that easily split if dropped. A reminder that children should not be bringing Prime bottles into school.

Can we also remind parents that children can bring a piece of fresh fruit or a vegetable snack for morning breaktime.



Thanks again to everyone who came to our book fair.

We took a grand total of £176.76 over the three days, which means we can buy some lovely new books for our school library.



NURSERY NEWS

This week the children have had fun practicing their physical skills. There was lots of jumping, climbing, running and rolling!

They were also very excited after the Easter Bunny left some surprises for them. Don't forget Nursery will be back on Monday 17th April for those of you who have added Mondays.

Have a fantastic Easter holidays!

Katy and Ali

