

NEWSLETTER

WEEK ENDING 15th September 2023



Dear Parents and families,

I hope everyone has eased smoothly back into the school routine! We have been very impressed with how well our new reception starters have settled into life at St. Marks 😊 We have also welcomed some new children into Nursery.

Our classrooms have been busy hives of activity. Duckpool have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and produced some wonderful artwork. Sandymouth thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School afternoon and were lucky to have the perfect weather for it! Please can we remind you the children need to wear long sleeve tops and trousers during these sessions – thank you. I have had the pleasure of teaching Summerleaze this week – we looked at the artworks by Banksy and Andy Warhol – there were great conversations and speculation around the identity of the illustrious Banksy!

We have launched our new clubs for this half term. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for giving up their time to offer these enrichment activities around their other after school commitments. We do our best to offer variety to ensure all children's interests are met. New clubs will be offered again after half term.

We have confirmed the date and time of our Harvest - Tuesday 10th Oct – 9.30am at Shop Chapel. Rev. Simon Leigh has kindly offered to lead a short service and the children will be singing some songs. We hope to see you there. Children will need to be dropped off at school as usual to register as normal before walking down to the Chapel.

Please can we politely remind parents to ensure all clothing, both school uniform and PE kit, is named clearly. You can imagine the fun the staff have trying to help children find their white school t-shirt or blue jumpers amongst all the others if they are unnamed!

Kind thanks
Tanya Clark



Nursery News

It has been a busy week, we have been starting our topic **All About Me**, so far we have made funny face playdough, painted life size self portraits, and talked about some of our favourite things. We also picked apples and blackberries and made delicious crumble.

Have a great weekend
Katy and Ali



Our whole school attendance target is 96%

	Last Week	Since September
Duckpool	97%	97%
Sandymouth	95%	95%
Summerleaze	98%	98%
Whole School	96.7%	96.7%



COMMENDATIONS

Edie in Duckpool Class was awarded

THE KIND AND HELPFUL CUP

Well done Edie!



Duckpool	Sandymouth	Summerleaze
Arthur	Chloe	Josh
Oscar	Casper	Theo
Wilfred	Lexi	Honey
Gus	Johnny	Elsie
Elsie	Dulcie	
Charlie C	Ruby	
Imogen	Darcy	
Stanley		



Summerleaze

Summerleaze have been out on a trip today to the Enigma Machine in Bude. Throughout the day, they learnt about the Enigma Machine, visited the Evacuation Centre at the Library, attended a Cognition Code Workshop and had time to explore the exhibitions at The Castle. Their History topic this half term is WWII, so this trip was timed perfectly to enhance their learning. I'm sure Miss Archer will share photos on class Dojo soon.

New PE coaches

We are very excited to welcome two new PE coaches, Mr Bush and Mr Pitman from Optimum Coaching and Education, who will be with us on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. They will be working with all three classes and running the after-school football clubs.



New Family Support Worker

We would also like to welcome and introduce Mrs Ellerington to the St. Mark's team as our family support worker.

"My name is Tash Ellerington, and I am the Family Support Worker at St Mark's C of E Academy. I joined the St Mark's team at the beginning of September and I am enjoying getting to know the children across the school. I thought it might be helpful for me to describe what a Family Support Worker's role is within the school setting.

My primary role is to support families to help their child get the best from school life, this might include offering support with meetings with teachers and other professionals, supporting school attendance, and support with any specific needs your child may have. As a Family Support Worker, I can also help by signposting to services and other agencies for help with specific issues and concerns.

The range of support provided will vary depending on individual family's needs. If any parents/carers feel like they might need a little extra support or a listening ear, I am available by phone (contact the school office) or via email (nellerington@lapsw.org) and will be available for face-to-face meetings also. If you would like to find out more about how I could help you, please do get in touch. "

School Menu competition and Census Day



We have received quite a few entries for the school menu competition! A reminder that the deadline for entries is Monday 18th September so please encourage your child to get creative!

The winner for St. Mark's will receive a £10 book voucher, the winner across the Cornwall Hub will receive a £20 book voucher and the overall LAP winner will receive a £30 book voucher!

Nursery Baby and Toddler Family Group: Stay and Play



Parents and carers are invited to join us with their little ones to stay and play. You will have the chance to meet our fantastic team and have a look around our growing nursery. Our Baby and Toddler family group will run every Tuesday 9.30 – 10.30am and it's FREE! If you have any queries, please contact Katy

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St Mark's C of E Academy

Parent meeting with Mr Thorne (SENDCo)

Monday 25th September, 09.15 – 10.15

I will be sharing our Graduated Response and Universal Provision, including Individual Support Plans as well as explaining the 4 areas of SEND.



Dates For your Diary

Thursday 19th October from 2.15pm – Science Parent Open Afternoon

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November – Autumn Term Parent Consultations

Monday 25th September 9.15am – Parent Meeting with Mr Thorne

Tuesday 10th October 9.30am at Shop Chapel – Harvest