



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 11

Spring Term
1st March 2024

Diary Dates

1st Mar	2nd Hand Uniform Sale
4th Mar	Handball Festival Year 4&5
5th Mar	KS2 Inclusion Festival
1pm - 2pm	Netball Competition
3pm - 5pm	World Book Day
7th Mar	World Book Day
12th Mar	Ready Steady Dance at Ardingly College
13th Mar	KS1 Cricket Festival
9.30am-11 am	Comic Relief Day Sports
15th Mar	1 pm -2pm Festival
19th Mar	Quicksticks Hockey Year 3 & 4
20th Mar	2pm -3.45
21st Mar	KS1 Sports 1.15-2.45
22nd Mar	FOSM Disco
27th Mar	Bramble Trip Smugglers Adventure Quicksticks Hockey Year 5 & 6
28th Mar	Church Service
29th Mar	Easter Holidays
12th April	13th May
13th May	KS2 SAT's
16th May	Half Term
27th May	Staplefield Fun Day
31st May	Bluebell Trip Woods Mill
27th May	Full Governors Meeting
4th June	Class Photographs
5th June	Bag2School Year 6
11th June	Leavers Service - Christs Hospital
20th June	Break the Rules Day
1st July	Sports Day
5th July	Leavers Service
10th July	End of Term
19th July	

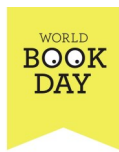
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Second hand uniform sale—1st March - Today

After school, on the playground if dry (or hall if wet). All items 50p! Please remember to bring cash to make payment.

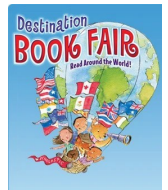
World Book Day— 7th March



It is nearly world book day, we are planning our usual day full of exploring books and especially focusing on books from around the world this year. Children can come to school dressed in their PJs or comfy cosy clothes as if ready to snuggle down for a good read.

Book Fair

We will be running a book fair from Monday 18th March - Thursday 21st March after school each day—we are hoping in the playground if the weather is good, if not in the hall. We will be taking payments by cash.



Friday 15th March

We will be celebrating Comic Relief Day this year as one of our chosen charities. All children will be invited to come into school dressed in clothes that make them feel happy and/ or make them laugh and will be asked to make donation to the Comic Relief Charity. They can also wear their red noses on the day.

Worship Spot

Rev Carl will be running an alpha course at All Saints Church in Handcross starting on 6th March from 12:30-2:30. Alpha is a great place to consider questions of faith and share a nice lunch together. For more information, contact Carl on: 01444 400221 or handcrossrec-tory@gmail.com



Wraparound care club—can you help?

Do you have a sport or activity that you are passionate about that you would be willing to help our club do weekly for half a term? Please get in touch with the school office. We'd love to offer more activities like sports, especially as the weather hopefully improves but are limited by staff skills and knowledge.

Coats

Please remember to send your child to school with a coat suitable to wear in wet weather. We try and get the children out for play if the rain isn't too heavy and some children are not bringing coats and then end up sitting in wet clothes.

Bags2School

A big thank you to everyone who donated to Bags2School this time—we raised £95 for the school!



Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks:

Florence Amos, Felicia Billingham, Barnaby Clarke, Florence Copley-Williams, Connie Goozee, Imogen Kerr, Orla Kerr, Freya Kidd, Vinnie Koureas, Scott Langridge, Beatrix McLarin, Suki Moore, Daisy Payne, Aidan Pears, Orla-Rose Pooley, Thomas Scrase, Kip Szajdzicki, Maia Taylor, Reeve Young

Together, in God's love, we will shine



International Women's Day

On the 8th March, to celebrate international women's day, schools all over the country and going to run the "Biggest Girls' Football Session Ever!". The Sports Crew will be running a number of different football activities at lunchtime for the girls.

Cricket Trip

Thank you to those parents who responded to the survey about going to the Sussex Cricket Foundation - Schools Day. Unfortunately we didn't receive enough responses to make this a viable trip.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire at parents evening

It is always so helpful to get your thoughts on what we do well and what we can improve. We have looked at the responses in staff and governor meetings and will be trying to act on the suggestions.

Burgess Hill Cricket Club

Please see attached details from BHCC with regards to our winter cricket training for both girls and boys

- Cricket training open to all run by fully qualified coaches
- We will help youngsters learn the game while having lots of fun in a safe and inclusive environment
- No cost to attend, all costs are covered by BHCC
- All equipment provided, just bring a drink and play in normal gym kit

Softball cricket is suitable for Y2-Y6 girls, and for Y2-Y5 boys. Y7+ girls and older and Y6+ boys play hardball cricket, please email the club for more information on these sessions too, again no cost to attend.

Burgess Hill CC are based in St John's Park and offer cricket for all.

Any questions please email the club : burgesshillcc@gmail.com

Safeguarding Spot— Undressed

At primary ages, children are very easily taken advantage of as they are highly impressionable and unaware of the dangers they may be facing when playing online. The Undressed Song by the London Grid for Learning, is designed to educate these youngest of pupils on what should and shouldn't be done online. It does this through an understandable and age-appropriate medium - song. To find out more please follow the link below:

<https://undressed.lgfl.net/>

Would you use wraparound care until 6pm?

We stopped offering wraparound care until 6pm after Covid as people didn't seem to need it anymore. The government would like all school to consider running wraparound care from 8am-6pm so we thought we'd check if anyone would use this? We would have to charge more to pay staff salary but could look into this for September if there is the demand. Please fill in this short yes or no survey: <https://forms.gle/z5r1FwNQhGQx94ML7>

Invite into classes

We would like to invite families in to children's classes on the last day of term, the 28th, before the Easter Service to see children's books and find out more about their learning this term. This will be from 1:30pm

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held on Thursday 28th March at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the service and the children can be taken home straight afterwards.



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