



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 19

Summer Term
18th July 2024

Diary Dates

17th July	Laurel Performance
18th July	Whole School Welly Walk Year 6 Celebration
19th July	Woodwind Assembly Leavers Service End of Term
22nd July	INSET Day
23rd July	INSET Day
24th July	Summer Holidays
30th Aug	Holidays
2nd Sept	INSET Day
3rd Sept	Children Return to School
25th Oct	INSET Day
6th Jan	INSET Day
21st July	INSET Day
22nd July	INSET Day



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

School Day change from Sept

Don't forget the timings of the school day is changing when we come back to school in September. The school day will start at 8:50am with the gate opening at 8:40am and the end of the day will be 3:20pm.

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 17th July—5:30pm Laurel production of 'Go for Gold'

Thursday 18th July 9am—Whole school welly walk to Nyman's Year 6 trip to Hollywood Bowl

Friday 19th July 9am—Woodwind concert (parents invite 2pm—Leavers' Service in the Church—children can be collected straight afterwards.

Sporting events at St. Mark's

Over the year we have attended 24 events ranging from KS1 Tri Golf and Badminton Festivals to 2 children representing the NEARS schools at the Mid Sussex Active Cross County finals. We have attended festivals where children have had the chance to try new activities and competitions where children have competed against other schools.

Every child has been invited to at least 1 event - this is a massive achievement and a great opportunity for the children. A big thank you to those parents who have helped us achieve this. The opportunity to go to an off site venue and participate as part of a team is a valuable experience. It provides the children with the opportunity to work on their teamwork, communication and resilience as well as the physical skills needed for the event. It is also an opportunity for the children to push themselves out of their comfort zones and go off to somewhere new. We all know that this is a something that happens throughout life and so by giving children this opportunity, we are allowing them to try new things in a safe and supportive environment. All the children who come back from these events buzzing!

Another reason for the children to embrace these opportunities is that a number of these events are held at the secondary schools many of the children will move to at the end of year 6. It gives them a chance to see the school facilities and environment before they start there.

All of this hard work by the children, staff and parents has also led us to keep our Platinum School Games Mark!

We look forward to a similarly busy year next year!

Worship Spot—Mossy Church

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain for Mossy Church this Tuesday. We really enjoyed worshipping together in the whispering woods and the children loved



Praise Postcards



Luca Gorvett, Harper Green, Amara Hever-Lewis, Vinnie Koureas, Finley Land Smith, Scott Langridge, Felicity Mills, Bryce O'Brien, Toby Ponsford, Phoebe Ramsden, Lilah Rowberry, Thomas Scrase, Teddy Stillwell, Alexander Tyler Tarrant, Isaac Abellan, Noarh Arnold, Georgia Bentley, Billy Bickerdike, Daisy Billington, Winnie Booth, Georgina Bostock, Mateji Bukovsky, Bruno Carlisle, Freddie Cartmell, Lilly-Mai Clingo, Donnie Danniell, Isaac Dove Wallington, Aaron Fenn, Florence Gaynor, Thomas Goosen, Isabella Gorvett, Isabella Hartfield, Skye Hobden, Hazel Hutchins, Rose Koureas, Lily-Mae Payne, Harvey Ponsford, Rex Ponsford, Wilfred Potter, Mia Robinson, Gaia Tackie, Emilia Taylor, Diezel Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Hardy Young.

Together, in God's love, we will shine

Safeguarding Spot: Understanding Social Media Algorithms - Childnet

Social media is an important driving force of the online space. Children and young people are among the core users of these platforms, but what drives the content they see? This all seeing eye present in social media software, is the algorithm. What your children see on their device's is wholly directed by what these algorithms deem interesting to them. As parents and carers, it is important to understand how these work and how they determine what's popular. In this vein, Childnet currently has an excellent blog article on the topic that's well worth reading. If interested in this area, please follow this link: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

After school clubs from September

Don't forget there will still be hour-long clubs running next academic year which you can book your children into. The advantage of these are they are specialist people running them, for example, the drama is being run by the person who does Stagecoach in Haywards Heath and Brighton.

Monday—Woodland activities

Tuesday— Drama

Wednesday—Arts and Craft

Thursday—Football

Friday—Film club

To book please registers and log onto this website: <https://cool4schoolclubs.ipalbookings.com/>

Fern trip to Brighton

Fern class had a lovely time on their trip to Brighton on Tuesday. They looked around the Brighton Museum, especially at the Art Gallery, and did some Geography fieldwork on Brighton Beach. We are pleased to say they managed to avoid the rain too!



Rock Up and Ride—free summer holiday sessions

Coaches from Gosport BMX will be offering coaching to children of all ages!

Burgess Hill BMX track, off Maple Drive

10:30am - 4pm with separate coaching sessions available on Thursday 15 August

You must wear long trousers and a suitable helmet. Please bring your own bike (no balance bikes allowed). Those in school year 6 and below must be accompanied by an adult.

Coaching sessions must be booked in advance, click the button below to visit our website and book today!

<https://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/events/rock-up-and-ride/>

PLAYDAYS FREE family fun

Tues 30th July - Adastral Park, Hassocks, BN6 8QH
Wed 31st July - The Haven Rec, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ
Tues 6th Aug - Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, RH15 5HX
Wed 7th Aug - John Pears Field, Ashurst Wood, RH19 3TQ
Tues 13th Aug - Court Buses, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 5HX
Wed 14th Aug - Humphry's Field, Copthorne, RH10 3JZ
Tues 20th Aug - Worlds End Rec, Burgess Hill, RH15 0QJ
Wed 21st Aug - Balcombe Rec, Balcombe, RH17 6HP
Tues 27th Aug - Clair Park, Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN
Wed 28th Aug - Mount Noddy, East Grinstead, RH19 3LG

1.00 - 3.00pm

Activities include

- ✓ Circus skills
- ✓ Music & DJ workshops
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Shows (puppets/magician)
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Dance + more

No booking required

www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays

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