



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 5

Autumn Term
15th November 2024

Diary Dates

18th Nov	Laurel Trip To Battle Abbey
11th Dec	Basketball Festival Year 5 & 6
11th & 12th Dec	Nativity
13th Dec	FOSM Christmas Fayre
17th Dec	Pantomime
18th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert
19th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
20th Dec	Christingle Service
	End of Term
6th Jan	INSET Day
7th Jan	Children Return to School
7th Feb	FOSM Valentine Disco
17th Feb	Half Term
21st Feb	Term Full
24th Feb	Governors Meeting
7th April	Easter
21st April	Holidays



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Christmas Dates

Just a reminder of all the dates coming up—for more information, see the letter that went out last week:

11th & 12th Dec 2pm—Bluebell & Fern Nativity performances

13th Dec 3:20pm—FOSM Christmas Fayre

17th Dec 1:30pm—Panto in school

18th Dec 5pm—Bramble & Laurel carol concert

19th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day

20th Dec 2pm—Christingle Service

No afterschool club on 13th & 20th December.

Lost Property

We have cleared a great deal of the Lost Property, and any items named have been returned to children, therefore we only have the following items in Lost Property, if any of the items belong to your child, please come and collect from the office. If the items have not been claimed by Friday 29th November we will be disposing of them due to lack of storage space.

A pair of Black and Green Football Boots size 12

1 Green shirt - Haywards Heath Cricket Club age 7 - 8

1 Green Pair of shorts - age 3 - 4

1 Black/white trainer Clarks - size 12

Old trainers

If anyone has any children's trainers in a decent condition that no longer fit, could you bring them into the school office so we can hold a selection of spares for children who forget theirs?

Safeguarding Spot—Contacting staff

Just a little reminder to contact staff through their school email address and school phone number rather than their personal mobiles. We know that some parents are friends with staff outside of school so have their numbers but it is inappropriate to contact them about school matters.

Child starting school next year?

If your child will be 4 years old by 1st September 2025, it's time to start applying for school places! Please tell your friends and family to get in touch for a personal tour if they have children starting next year. To apply and for more information, visit this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/>

Wellbeing Champions

This week's Wellbeing Champion is Winnie in Year 5:

My name is Winnie; I'm in Laurel Class (Year 5) and I'm 9. I enjoy playing netball and football. I volunteered to be a Wellbeing Champion because I think nobody deserves to be sad or angry at school as it can affect their learning. Furthermore, I want people to feel there is always someone to speak to when they are sad. As a Wellbeing Champion, one of the things we do is going around every morning to classes checking people's Zone. Blue Zone: sad/tired, Red Zone: angry/irritated, Yellow Zone: excited/fizzy, and Green Zone: happy/calm. The aim for me in the future at school is to make sure everyone has someone to trust and explain how they're feeling too.

Winnie

Together, in God's love, we will shine

Worship Spot—Remembrance reflection

We joined the whole community at the war memorial on the 11th to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice during wars.

Today, we used our outside spaces to reflect on people who we miss, either those no longer with us or who live far away, we wrote our own prayers and we used nature to consider special people and objects that we are grateful for. The Laurel children were amazing at supporting the Bluebells. Our Vision in Action Council children led the worship in each area for their classes.



Year 5/6 Boys Football

We are so proud of our Year 5/6 boys football team who came second in the NEARs football competition this week. They played really well and supported each other brilliantly as a team.



Year 5 Get Active

Year 5 visited the Dolphin this week to take part in Kids Get Active. They got to try loads of different sports and were so well behaved. Skateboarding seemed to be the biggest hit with them!



Bonfire Night

A huge thank you to those who organise and attended the Staplefield Bonfire Night. They raised an incredible £850 for the school and FOSM raised a further £120 selling glow sticks!

WhatsApp parent groups

These are run independently from the school but I would remind parents to consider what they write in said groups. WhatsApp counts as social media and as such, content can be considered libellous or slanderous. If you are concerned about anything, we always suggest contacting the school.

Praise Postcards

The following children have received praise postcards in the last couple of weeks:

Isaac Abellan, Florence Amos, Jen Bethune, Billy Bickerdike, Connor Boakes, Axel Booth, Georgina Bostock, Samuel Bostock, Florence Copley-Williams, Aaron Fenn, Barnaby Gaynor, Connie Goozee, Isabella Hartfield, Eli Hocken, Olivia Horner, Maddison Hawkins, Olivia Horner, Aiden Khazanehdari, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Felicity Mills, Suki Moore, Daisy Payne, Lily-Mae Payne, Lexi Pinnington, Phoebe Ramsden, Mia Robinson, Tghomas Scrase, Tommy Southon, Ollie Stenning, Kip Szajdzicki, Alexander Tyler-Tarrant, Chloe Webber, Diezel Wheble, Star Wheble, Reeve Young, Hardy Young

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