



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 7

Autumn Term
13th December 2024

Diary Dates

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
15th Jan	KS1 Badminton Festival
22nd Jan	Cross Country Finals
23rd Jan	Basketball Festival 3/4
28th Jan	Basketball Festival 5/6
31st Jan	Ready Set Dance at Ardingly
7th Feb	FOSM Valentine Disco
11th Feb	KS2 Inclusion Festival
17th Feb	Half Term
21st Feb	Full Governors Meeting
5th Mar	Quickstick Hockey 3/4
10th Mar	Handball Festival 4/5
7th April	Easter Holidays



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Please remember to pay for the Pantomime by the end of the School Day. At the moment we have a shortfall of £200 for this event. If we do not receive the money for this event, we will have to cancel.

Christmas Dates

Just a reminder of all the dates coming up

17th Dec 1:30pm—Panto in school - Please remember to consent and pay

18th Dec 5pm—Bramble & Laurel carol concert

INSET day—6th Jan

Don't forget Monday 6th January is an INSET day. Children are due back to school on Tuesday 7th Jan after the Christmas holidays

Oranges next week

Please don't forget to bring in an orange for your child to make their Christingle by Tuesday 17th Dec.

Lost Property

3 Sweatshirt age - 5/6
1 Sweatshirt age - 9/10
1 Cardigan age 3/4
1 Cardigan age 7/8
1 Cardigan 5/6
All above unnamed and in the school office.

Parking outside school

We have had a complaint that parking outside school at drop off and pick ups is becoming dangerous. **Please remember not to park on the zigzag lines, disabled space (unless you have a blue badge) or double park at any time - even if you are just dropping off.** It is a matter of safety for our children., especially during these darker months. Remember, you can park at the Victory pub car park and walk along the path to school if Brantridge lane is too busy. I encourage people who spot unsafe parking, to report it either to Mid Sussex Council or Sussex Police via 101 or online. For more information, please see this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parking/vehicles-causing-obstruction/#:~:text=If%20a%20vehicle%20is%20thought,email%20your%20local%20policing%20team.>

Fencing

We are looking to put a new fence in around our garden, if anyone does this for a job and is interested in quoting for this, please get in touch with bursar@st-marks.w-sussex.sch.uk

Wellbeing Champions

Every newsletter, we are including a little bio from one of our wellbeing champions. This time it's Bruno in Year 5's turn:

I want to be a wellbeing champion because I want to help people with their emotions because people help me with my emotions. My name is Bruno and I am nine years old. I lived in London for the first five years of life and my first word was 'bus'. In my role as wellbeing champion, I help other children feel better if they are feeling a bit sad. We do this by playing fun games and activities in the wellbeing garden. We also build friendships with people so they feel they can share their emotions. My aim for this year is to help all the children at St. Mark's learn how to cope with thing in life when things feel hard.

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Wraparound Care

Dear St. Mark's Parents,

We hope this message finds you well! We wanted to send you an important update on all our clubs and services continuing in 2025.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the valuable feedback you've shared with us since September. Your insights are incredibly important as we strive to create the best possible experience for your children.

After carefully considering all your suggestions, we are excited to announce our new club offerings and pricing structure, designed to better meet your needs and enhance your child's experience at Cool4School. We believe these changes will provide even more engaging and enjoyable activities for our young learners.

Club Offerings:

After School activity Clubs 3:15 - 4:15 PM - From January 2025

- Monday: Lego Club - £6.50
- Monday: Loomband Club - £6.50

Combo Club Monday - £8.50

- Monday: Lego Club - 30mins
- Monday: Loom Band Club - 30mins
- Tuesday: Musical Theatre (Sing, Dance, Act) - £6.50
- Wednesday: Arts & Crafts - £6.50
- Thursday: Football Club - £6.50

3:15 - 4:45

- Friday Film Club - £6.50 (includes popcorn)

All clubs are priced from £6.50, and we require a minimum of 6 children for each club to be viable. Please note that starting in April 2025, our costs will increase to reflect the rising National Insurance and National Minimum Wage.

Wrap around Care Updates - From January 2025

Ad Hoc - No contractual obligation

- 3:15 - 6pm £22.99 (Includes food & activities)
- 7am - 8:45am £7.50 (Includes Breakfast)
- 8am - 8:45 am £5.25 (Without food)
- 3:15 - 5pm £13.49 (Without food)

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Breakfast Club

- 7am - 8:45am £7.50 (Includes Breakfast)
- 8am - 8:45am £4.75 (Without food)

Afterschool Club

- 3:15 - 6pm £16.99 (Includes food & activities)
- 3:15 - 5pm £14.49 (Includes food & activities)
- 3:15 - 5pm £12.25 (Includes activities - NO FOOD)

Extend to 5 or 6pm = The difference + £2.50 admin fee. Please email cool4schoolclubs@gmail.com or call 07475724576 to arrange an extended day.

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Kidslingo Lunch Time French Clubs at St Mark's

We have a few spaces available in our popular French lunchtime clubs at St Mark's in the New Year open to all students from Reception to Year 6.

Kidslingo is a multi award-winning language franchise, delivered by qualified Primary school teacher and language specialist Charmaine Davis who teaches at several schools in the Horsham area.

One of the leading children's language activity providers in the UK, Kidslingo aims is to inspire young children to love languages from the very start of their language learning journeys. Working with schools, nurseries, in community venues, private homes and online, Kidslingo is a passionate believer in exposing children to languages from a young age.

Classes offer quality, fun-filled language learning taught through music, movement, singing, signs, story-telling, role play and so much more. In addition, all classes are developed to be fully aligned to the National Curriculum Languages Programmes of Study.

As well as regularly winning many awards including the What's On 4 Kids Awards, UK's Most Loved Creative or Academic Activity, Kidslingo are proud members of, and 5 star gold accredited by, the Children's Activities Association which promotes high standards in children's classes across the UK. Kidslingo were the first kids' language franchise to achieve 5 -star gold accreditation and continue to be an active member.

Learning a new language provides young children with a wealth of cognitive, social, and emotional benefits that contribute to their overall mental health and well-being.

Each half hour session costs £6.50 per week per child payable in advance for a half-term block of 5-6 weeks. Separate classes are held for children in KS2 and KS1 & Reception to ensure teaching is age appropriate and engaging.

To book, use the following links or email Charmaine.davis@kidslingo.co.uk for more information or visit our website.

KS1 & Reception

https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=ohXLDiJo1tKwICX8uGpBRq%3D%3D&u=L3qDI8J7MABeE59obquzZQ%3D%3D&p_id=8&c=341

KS2

https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=ohXLDiJo1tKwICX8uGpBRq%3D%3D&u=L3qDI8J7MABeE59obquzZQ%3D%3D

Worship Spot

In worship, we have been lighting our advent candles and learning about the meaning of them. We are currently lighting the first two which stand for hope and peace. Next week we will light the third, joy. We won't be here for the fourth candle representing love and then the white candle in the middle represents Jesus and is lit on Christmas Day.

Safeguarding Spot—England Football learning

Football is by far the most popular sport in the country, particularly among teenagers and children. England Football's learning faculty has designed a short safeguarding course for parents. The course is designed to help parents make an informed choice, about the footballing infrastructure in which children are enrolled. The course explains the vital role of safeguarding within the sporting sphere, and is well worth a look. If interested in this e-seminar, please follow this link: <https://learn.englishfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Praise Postcards

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

Noah Arnold, Daisy Billington, Billy Bickerdike, Connor Boakes, Joseph Boakes, Axel Booth, Louis Carlisle, Lilly-Mai Clingo, Billy Coulton, Aaron Fenn, Harper Green, River Green, Maddison Hawkins, Oliver Hobden, Thomas Holloway, Olivia Horner, Aiden Khazanehdari Rafael Parisi, Daisy Payne,

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