



St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 12

Spring Term
28th March 2025

Diary Dates

31st Mar	Bramble Bake Sale
4th April	2 pm - Easter Service
7th April	Easter Holidays
21st April	Children Return to School
22nd April	Cricket Year 4 and 5
24th April	Tri Golf Year 3 and 4
30th April	Bikeability Year 5
6th May	Bramble trip
7th May	Evacuation Day
8th May	Red White & Blue Day Year 6
12th May	SAT's
15th May	Quidditch Tournament Year 3 and 4
13th May	Girls Football Festival Year 5 an 6
16th May	Archery Day
19th May	Cross Country Year 3 and 4
21st May	Sports Day
23rd May	Tri Golf Year 1
5th June	Skip2Fit
13th June	Laurel Trip to Preston Manor Class
17th June	Photographs
19th June	Break the Rules Day
20th June	Full Governors Meeting
23rd June	Stool Ball Year 4 and 5
25th June	Downlands Sports Festival Year 5 and 6
26th June	Year 6 Leavers Service
30th June	Inspiring Young Minds Year 4 and 5
2nd July	Nears Athletics KS2
8th July	2 pm Leavers Service
18th July	INSET Day
19th July	

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Safeguarding Spot—informing the office if someone else is collecting your child/ren

We understand that children enjoy playdates, and sometimes you are struggling to get to school to collect your child/ren at the appropriate time. In these circumstances can parents please remember to inform the school office either by email or telephone if you are consenting for another person to collect your child/ren from school. If we are not informed we will not allow you child/ren to be collected by another person/parent. This is a safeguarding issue that we need to undertake due to the necessity for us to following the correct procedures.

Parking at Drop off/pick up

A few parents have complained again about some dangerous parking from a white BMW parking on the zig zag lines, across the pavement and blocking next door's drive. The person who reported it thought they might be grandparents so please if you have other people doing the school run for you, can you pass on the messages about parking safely to protect all our school community. I do not want to be telling you about an injured child before the situation improves.

Thursday 8th May - Red White and Blue Day

On the above day we will be celebrating VE 80th Anniversary at 2.30 pm. All children will also be invited to wear red, white and blue for the day.

During the celebration the children will be presenting a dance learnt for this occasion in a workshop organised by the school. All parents and family members will be welcome to attend.

Worship spot— Easter!



We have been looking at the Easter story in Church and school for the last couple of weeks and today our wonderful Vision In Action council children led an outside worship for the whole school. We had three stations in the woods and the garden where the children read part of the Easter service and reflected about what the story means for us including thinking about what we would like a fresh start with and burning the paper in the fire.



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Sporting Events this term

Please find below the list of events we are hoping to attend this next term. There may be changes to this as other school commitments do come up but we wanted to let you know the range of events and the dates/ times on our list. We will endeavor to give every child from years 1 - 6 the opportunity to attend at least one event this term. We do ask that if your child is invited to attend an event, please respond to the invite, even if it's to say no. This means that if your child can't attend we can offer this opportunity to someone else. We are sending these via paper copies and MCAS app.

We understand that transporting children to and from events can be tricky but we ask you to organise any lift shares between parents and then notify the school office in writing. This is to ensure we have a correct list of who is going and being picked up with who. Please if parents then re-arrange the collection of your child please let the school office know. If we are not informed we will not allow you child/ren to be collected by this parent. This is causing quite a few problems as parent seem to make arrangement between themselves but do not bother to tell the staff. **This is a safeguarding issue that we need to undertake due to the necessity to us following the correct procedures.**

Please remember any events held at St Paul's Catholic College, you are required to drop off/collect your child at the Triangle by the underpass where you will be met by Mrs Bean. St Paul's School request that no parents drive onto their school site this is due to their Safeguarding Policies.

Event	Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Sussex Cricket Festival	Year 4 and 5	Thursday 24th April 9.30 am - 12 pm	Burgess Hill Cricket Club
Tri Golf Competition	Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 30th April 1 pm - 3 pm	East Grinstead Sports Club
Quidditch Tournament	Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 13th May 9 am - 3 pm	Cottesmore School
Cross Country	Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 21st May 1 pm - 2.30 pm	Haywards Heath Rugby Club
Tri Golf	Year 1	Thursday 5th May 12.45 pm - 2.45 pm	St Paul's Secondary School
Stool Ball	Year 4 and 5	Wednesday 25th May 2.15 pm - 3.45 pm	Downlands Secondary School
Sports Festival	Year 5 and 6	26th June 1 pm - 2.30 pm	Twineham Primary School
Football Festival	Year 1	2nd July 1 pm - 2.45 pm	St Paul's Secondary School
Nears Athletics	Year 3,4, 5 and 6	Tuesday 8th July 9am - 12 pm	Handcross Park School

Plea for logs for the Whispering Wood

If anyone knows anyone who could get us new logs for the children to sit on around the fire circle in the Whispering Woods, that would be amazing—please contact the school office.

KS1 Multi Skills Festival @ Oathall Secondary School



Year 3 and 4 Netball Festival @



Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks: Isaac Abellan, Noah Arnold, Georgina Bentley, Joseph Boakes, Georgina Bostock, Beatrice Brewer, Freddie Cartmell, Billy Coulton, Emily Durrant, Connie Goozee, Isabella Hartfield, Amelie Horner, Jaycee Lee-Ansell, Felicity Mills, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Rafael Parisi, Aidan Pears, Wilfred Potter, Mia Robinson, Lilah Rowberry, Edward Szajdzicki, Gaia Tackie, Reeve Young, Ambrose Hobden, Skye Hobden, Alfie Pears, Emilia Taylor, Sidney Upham Blaise Wheble, Star Wheble.

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