



St Mark's C of E Junior School

Growing together, becoming all we are created to be

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 22 November 2024

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Our Value in focus this term is: TRUST

Headteacher's Message:

We have had another packed week, with **Parents Evenings, Open Days, trips out and visitors in!**

Thank you for making the time to attend your child's **Parents Evening** in the busy family life schedule. We hope it was informative and useful for you; if you have any comments / requests for a follow up meeting, please do complete the slip on the bottom of your child's interim report to be given to your child's class teacher or contact the school office: clerical@st-marks.gloucs.sch.uk and we can get in touch to respond accordingly.



A huge **THANK YOU** and **WELL DONE** to our **wonderful House Captains** who led tours for groups of parents for our Open Days this week. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with parents commenting on how impressed they were by the children's ability to speak about all aspects of school life with such confidence and clarity. A joy to see and we're extremely proud of them all!

We can't wait for Friday: our Musical Theatre performances of The Nativity (Yr 3 & 4) and High School Musical (Yr 5 & 6)

There are no tickets on sale for the event as this is a generous donation from the PTA, to enable all children (and parents!) to benefit from this wonderful experience.

Places are limited to 4 'supporters' per child.

Timings are tight, as you will see, so please ensure you arrive promptly to avoid disruption.

Please arrive at main Reception.

Class 1 & 3	9:30-10:30—doors open at 9.15am
Class 2 & 4	10:45-11:45—doors open at 10.30am
Class 5 & 7	1:30-2:20—doors open at 1.15pm
Class 6 & 8	2:20-3:10—doors open at 2.20pm

There is a chance that the final performance of the day may run over slightly. In this case, any siblings will be supervised by staff until the performance has finished. Please leave the performance promptly to meet your child in the playground.

Have a super weekend, Mrs A Fitch and the Staff Team



Learning Highlight of the Week

Class 1: In Maths, class 1 have been working on column addition this week.

Class 2: Class 2 loved their TT Rockstars battle with class 7 and choose this as their learning highlight even though class 7 won!

Class 3 & 4: The children have had a fantastic day at 'We the Curious' Science Centre in Bristol. Watch this space for a full write up in next week's Newsletter.

Class 5: As well as thoroughly enjoying their TT Rockstars battle with Class 4, the children also enjoyed Computing. They used the App 'Tinkercad' to create 3D models.

Class 6: Class 6 have been busy rehearsing their play, which is part of their Musical Theatre performance. They enjoyed seeing it all come together.

Class 7: In English, the children have been creating adverts, using persuasive language, to advertise holiday accommodation in wintery locations such as Lapland.

Class 8: Class 8 had the large Gymnastic equipment out in the hall this week. They produced sequences and put together mini routines.

Hindu Community Centre—Year 4 Visit

On Monday our Year 4 children spent time at the Krishna Temple in Cheltenham. The temple is run by a team of volunteers who offer support and social interaction to the community, as well as providing a serene environment for prayer and reflection.

The children were able to observe an *Arti*, a type of service in which incense and light is offered to a deity. Afterwards they had the opportunity to ask questions.



It was a lovely experience and the children were impeccably behaved. They were even complimented by the volunteers at the temple on their good behaviour.

Well done year 4!

Christmas Fair

HELP
RAFFLE PRIZES
NEEDED

We are getting ready for some festive fun but need a bit of help!

The PTA would love raffle help for the Christmas Fair. If you can donate a prize, or work somewhere you could ask to donate a prize for the raffle we would really appreciate it.

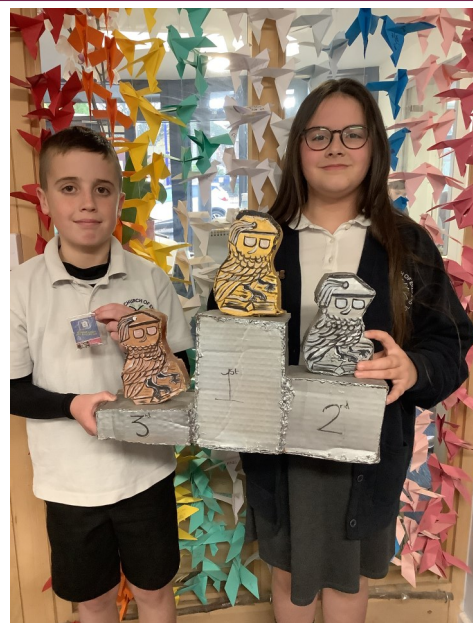


Please let us know either through the school office or at livyates@yahoo.co.uk. **We will make sure you get a big thank you.**

Teaching & Learning Owls

Silver - Henry and Rosie

Congratulations to the children for achieving their owls!



Extra Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2

Monday

Boys Football Y5-6	Lunchtime
Baking Buddies Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.30pm
Gym Club Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.00pm
Chinese Language Y3-6	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Netball Y6	3.10pm - 4.15pm
Recorders Y3-6	Lunchtime
Running Club Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday

Orchestra Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.00pm
Tennis Y4-6	3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday

Baking Buddies Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.30pm
Cyclestars Y3-6	3.15pm - 4.15pm
French Club Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.15pm

Thursday

Girls Football Y4-6	Lunchtime
Coding Club Y6	3.10pm - 4.00pm
Choir Y3-6	3.10pm - 4.00pm



Letters Sent Home

- Gym Club Letter
- Yr 5/6 Swimming Letter



School Term Dates

2024-25

Term 2: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2024

Term 3: on 6th Jan - Fri 14th Feb 2025

Term 4: Mon 24th Feb – Fri 11th Apr 2025

Term 5: Mon 28th April – Fri 23rd May 2025

Term 6: Tue 3rd June – Fri 18th July 2025

Inset Days: 2nd June, 21st July

2024 - 25



November

Tue 26th - National Child Measurement check for Year 6

Fri 29th - Musical Theatre Performance

Class 1 & 3 9:30-10:30

Class 2 & 4 10:45-11:45

Class 5 & 7 1:30-2:20

Class 6 & 8 2:20-3:10

December

W/C 2nd - Bikeability Week Year 6

Tue 3rd - PTA Christmas film Night after school until 5.15pm

Wed 4th - Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day

Wed 11th - Panto 2pm performance

Thu 12th - Book Look

Thu 12th - Carol Services: 5.30 – 6.15 (Yellow & Green house plus choir, orchestra and recorders) 6.45 – 7.30 (Red & Blue house plus choir, orchestra and recorders)

Thu 12th - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

Mon 16th - Year 6 Making day

Tue 17th - Rocksteady concert for Rocksteady Parents 9.30am

Tue 17th - Christmas Fair

Wed 18th - PTA Discos Y3 & Y4 – 6-6.45pm / Y5 & Y6 – 7-8pm

Wed 18th - Thursday Lunch Menu

Thu 19th - Caterlink Christmas Lunch (Festive Menu Only)

Fri 20th - End of Term 2

January

Mon 6th - Start of Term 3

Thu 16th - Year 5 First Swimming Lesson

Fri 17th - Year 6 First Swimming Lesson

Fri 24th - Rags Collection



PE - Autumn Term 2

Children should come to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Class 1: Monday and Thursday

Class 2: Wednesday and Friday

Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 4: Tuesday and Friday

Class 5: Tuesday and Thursday

Class 6: Tuesday and Thursday

Class 7: Tuesday and Friday

Class 8: Monday and Tuesday

Remember: tracksuit tops should be plain navy only. A school sweatshirt is absolutely fine.

