

God is helping us all to bridge the gap to a better future

St. Mark's Elm

Tree Newsletter



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Diary Dates

- Sept 14th—Y6 Crucial Crew
- Sept 15th—Mayor Visit
- Sept 20th—Target setting night for parents / Kidsafe
- Sept 20th—Y2 Trip to Tesco
- Sept 21st—Y1 Trip to Tesco
- Sept 22nd—Y1/2 Trip to Tesco
- Oct 17th—PD Day
- Oct 18th—Cake Stall
- Nov 10th - Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty)

Our week ahead

Worship Theme - Who matters in our school?

Mon 19th Sept	Y3 swimming
Tues 20th Sept	Eucharist—Y4 Class Y3 swimming Y2 Tesco Trip KS1/Rec Lunchtime club Target setting night 3:30pm / 4:30pm Kidsafe drop-in 4:00pm (studio)
Wed 21st Sept	Y1 Tesco Trip Y3 Swimming KS2 Street Dance Lunch club
Thur 22nd Sept	Y1/2 Tesco Trip Y3 Swimming KS2 Lunchtime club
Fri 23rd Sept	Y3 Swimming

Target Setting Night

Tuesday 20th September

3:30pm and 4:30pm parents sessions (in classrooms)

Find out about children's targets and how they can achieve them.

Kidsafe

4:00pm

New safeguarding programme drop-in session for parents (in studio).

Winning House
9.9.16



Infinity

Attendance & Punctuality



Outstanding attendance boosts social skills and confidence.



The class with the highest attendance last week was Mrs Worrall's with 100%

PD Day

Monday 17th October

Reminder to Parents

Please remember that scooters and dogs are NOT allowed on the school premises.



Parent and Pupil Welfare Officer

Our new Parent and Pupil Welfare Officer is Pat Thornton. She will be available from 8:00 - 3:30pm. If you need to speak to her about any issues, involving yourself or your child, feel free to either call school and ask to see her or phone direct on 07494 304969.



English

Sienna Byers, **Lilli-Grace Peacock**

Sahl Gill, **David Martin-Brookes**

Daisy Johnson, **Billy McDonald**

Lily Tindall, **Dylan Fryer**

Values

Hayden Coverdale, **Betsy Blackburn**

Lucas Mayne, **Cameron Baker**

Alex Taylor-Hill, **Shay Martin**

All Y6

Maths

Isla Mallerby, **Lily Dodsworth**

William Wells, **Isabelle Swinbank**

Cole Colmer, **Izzy Edinboro**

Attendance Policy Key Points for Parents



We expect you to ensure:

- your child attends school.
- you contact school before 8.50am on your child's first day of absence.
- your child arrives at school punctually, at the correct door, between 8.40 and 8.50am.
- your child is appropriately dressed and properly equipped for the day.
- you avoid making appointments for your child during school hours.

Electronic registers will be called promptly at 8.50 am and at 12.50 pm (KS2) and 1.20 pm (KS1). Pupils arriving late will be noted in a separate book as late. The parents of any pupils arriving late at school and unaccompanied will be contacted for an explanation.

The electronic school doors are open between 8.40 and 8.50. After this time the doors will automatically lock and children will need to enter school via the main entrance.

How we will promote good attendance and punctuality

A display, in the main hall, will be updated every Monday morning, showing class percentages achieved in attendance and punctuality and referred to by the Head Teacher during Worship. Children will be encouraged to celebrate their successes. The class achieving the highest percentage will take a trophy into their classroom.

This data will also be included on the weekly newsletter to parents and governors.

Annually those children with 100% in both attendance and punctuality will be entered into a draw for a prize which will be advertised throughout the academic year.

Each term there will also be an Attendance Treat for those pupils achieving 100% attendance, this will be decided by consultation with the School Council.

Absence will be unauthorised if:

- No explanation is given or if the school is dissatisfied with the explanation.

Unauthorised absence of more than 5 consecutive days will be referred to the local authority and may result in a fine.

Attendance below 80% is automatically referred to the local authority and there may be a fine.



St Mark's Elm Tree Able, Gifted and Talented Register



In every school there are pupils with a range of abilities, Gifted & Talented

is the term used to apply to those children who are achieving, or who have the potential to achieve at a level substantially beyond the rest of their peer group (DFES 2006)

Gifted and More Able is used for those pupils who are capable of excelling in academic subjects and talented refers to those who excel in areas of the curriculum requiring visio-spatial skills or practical abilities (for example, drama, art, music or games).

At St Mark's Elm Tree these pupils will be differentiated for according to their personal ability in every lesson, and will be challenged to work at a level higher than the majority of their classmates. This may be in the form of: independent research answering a given question, preparing a mental/oral starter, demonstrating to the class, or supporting peers.

If your child takes part in any activities out of school where the teacher, leader or instructor has identified them as more able, gifted or talented, please let us know so that we can add them to our register.

Thank you

Mrs Carr

Reception children attendance incentive.

Unlike in Nursery, it is a legal requirement that your child attends Reception every day. In order for your child to reach their full potential, and get the education they deserve, it is very important that they don't take days off for holidays or other none medical reasons. As your child moves through school they will become more responsible for their own attendance and punctuality, Therefore to promote good learning habits we are running an incentive for **Reception children only**.

If your child attends school and is on time everyday next week (Wk com 19.9.16), they can choose a special gift from our 'Attendance Jar'. The teachers will be promoting this to the children, and to a child receiving a present and being praised for doing the right thing, will be very important. If the children have 100% attendance by the end of term they will be invited to join in with an extra special treat. This always proves to be very popular with all of the children. These have included a bouncy castles, an ice cream van, a trip to soft play, working with animators and Toys R Us vouchers.

Let's start as we mean to go on and give your child the best opportunity they can have to be a successful learner!



Times Table

Ambassadors

Oliver Carberry Y5

Kiera Byers Y6

Thom Bell Y6

Kailan Watson Y6

Golden Post-box

Y2 - for being helpful in their new jobs

Kaitlyn Cummins - Brilliant first week



PE Days

Monday - Y3 (Miss Ashford)

Wednesday - Y3/4 (Miss Hauxwell)

Y4 (Miss Quinn)

Y1/2 (Miss Morgan)

Thursday - Y5/6 (Mrs Edinboro/ Mrs Hindson)

Y2 (Mrs Dacombe)

Friday - Y5/6

Y1 (Mrs Craggs)