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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the end of another busy and very wet term! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Easter Service, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The children continue to amaze and delight me in the way such a small group of children can achieve and perform.

Staffing

As we finish for the Easter break, Mrs Woolley begins her maternity leave. We are looking forward to sharing the news of a St Mark's baby with you and wish Mr and Mrs Woolley all the best as they start their journey into parenthood. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Kahkonen will be supporting Ruby Class in the mornings and lunchtimes, after Easter for the duration of Mrs Woolley's maternity leave.

We have also welcomed Mrs Kvedaravicius, known as Mrs K in school, to the St Mark's team. She will be supporting in Emerald class and running interventions across all classes.

Family and health come first; Mrs Smith is having planned surgery today and will be absent from school for the first four weeks of the summer term. Mr Julian will be covering Emerald Class during this time and has already spent time in school to meet the class and have a handover with Mrs Smith. We wish Mrs Smith a speedy recovery and are looking forward to welcoming her back to school when she is fit and able.

Parent Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent parent survey, we had 57 responses, which is very good for a school of our size. The feedback has been positive, and we have gathered constructive feedback for us to consider for the future.

In summary:

98% strongly agree or agree that, 'My child is happy at this school'.

96% strongly agree or agree that, 'My child feels safe at this school'.

98% strongly agree or agree that, 'The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved'.

6% disagreed or strongly disagreed that, 'My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively'.

75% strongly agree or agree that, 'The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year'.

7% disagree that, 'When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly', others agree, strongly agree or it's not applicable.

4% disagreed that, 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed'.

89% strongly agree or agree that, 'The school has high expectations for my child'.

93% strongly agree or agree that, 'My child does well at this school'.

91% strongly agree or agree that, 'The school lets me know how my child is doing'.

91% strongly agree or agree that, 'There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school'.

88% strongly agree or agree that, 'My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school', others agree, strongly agree or it's not applicable.

2% disagree that, 'The school supports my child's wider personal development', others agree, strongly agree or it's not applicable.

4% disagree that, 'I would recommend this school to another parent', others agree, strongly agree or it's not applicable.

I will be holding parent forums on 17 May at 08:50 and 18 June at 14:30. In the parent forum, we can pick up on some of the points raised in the feedback, particularly what additional information parents would find useful about what their children are learning about in school.

Clubs

Since I started at St Mark's in September, we have looked carefully at the clubs we offer. We are really pleased with the uptake in Football and Gym and Dance Clubs run by Sports4Kids – both are high quality, and the children really enjoy them. Our previous offer of Multi-sports did not get the required numbers to continue – but you live and learn. We are delighted to add Archery to our Clubs provision. This will be run by Sports4Kids in the summer term, after school on Mondays. All our staff also run clubs, either at lunchtime or after school, that prioritise the children's needs and personal development, such as a daily, by invitation Nurture Lunch Club and Homework Club for those children who are not accessing and completing their homework at home.

We will send you a link to sign up online for the S4K clubs and a sign up form for the teacher run clubs will come home in the first week of term. Clubs will start the week commencing 22 April.

The following clubs will be running for the summer term.

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Recorder Club – Year 2 (VE) Lunchtime Nurture Club – by invitation (LSA Team)	Imagination Club – Infants (LJ) Archery – Years 2 – 6 (S4K) £
Tuesday	Homework Club – Juniors (LH) Lunchtime Nurture Club – by invitation (LSA Team)	Art Club – Infants (LJ) Football – Juniors (S4K) £

Wednesday	JAM Club – all welcome (Spirituality Team and NS/LJ) Lunchtime Nurture Club – by invitation (LSA Team)	Gym and Dance – Years 1 - 4 (S4K) £
Thursday	Guitar lessons (£) Lunchtime Nurture Club – by invitation (LSA Team)	Netball – Juniors (NB/NS)
Friday	Choir – Juniors (MB) Lunchtime Nurture Club – by invitation (LSA Team)	

Wrap-around Care

A reminder that our new wrap-around care is up and running successfully. The service is run by SLC at South Farnborough Infant School. To make use of this service, please book a space on the SCL website. You need to select 'South Farnborough Infant School' and say your child is at St Mark's at a later point in the process. We have had several bookings made for St Marks in Basingstoke, in error.

Summer Term

The summer term is always busy. We will be in touch with key dates after the Easter break. Apart from all the wonderful events and trips, it is also a busy time academically with Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS, the phonics screening and Year 4 Multiplication Check.

Please encourage your child to continue to read over the holidays, access the on-line platforms such as Spelling Shed, Times Table Rock Stars and MyMaths, as well as completing any recommended work set by the class teacher.

Have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on 15 April.

Best wishes

Miss Ellis