

'Living and learning together'

Welcome to Diamond Class



Staff in Diamond Class

- Mrs Soane
- Mrs Bailey



Circle Values

The **CIRCLE Values** underpin and embed all we do at St Mark's. They permeate throughout the school, creating a harmonious, enabling and empowering school community.



Vision

Living and Learning Together- Building Firm Foundations

Our vision is for all children to develop a lifelong love of learning and sense of belonging, within a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive Christian community. All children have the opportunity to become free thinking, responsible citizens, whilst understanding and appreciating the wonder of our world.

Children leave St Mark's with the confidence to live fulfilling lives, based on the teachings and example of Jesus.



Builder of the week



for



Expectations

Behaviour:

High standards of behaviour are expected from children at all times. We use the CIRCLE Values to underpin this.

Attendance:

If your child is feeling ill please try to bring them in if it's minor as it is important they miss as little amount of school as possible - mostly they bounce back. If children don't bounce back, we know where you are to arrange collection of them.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform at all times. High standards of dress are required, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations.



Pencil Cases



Small, pencil case

Pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, handwriting pen, glue stick, purple pen, whiteboard pen and a small amount of colouring pencils.

NO novelty items (pencil sharpeners or rubbers)

If your children would like a small pencil case of pens/ extra colouring pencils in their tray, they may bring it but it must fit in their tray.

House Points

In Key Stage Two pupils are awarded 'House Points' in class and around the school for positive behaviour (showing Circle Values, working hard, listening well etc).

Individuals add their House Points to a running tally in the classroom that is added to a whole house score at the end of each week. Points are reset back to 0 at the end of each week.

We have elected some 'stand in' house captains to take on any house responsibilities until the time that school jobs are officially given out.



Homework

Our aims when setting homework are to:

- Reinforce and practise skills taught and developed at school.
- Enable parents to gain insight into their child's learning and to be able to support it.
- Prepare children for secondary education when children are expected to undertake regular daily homework programmes.
- Encourage children to develop a love of reading and establish the routine of reading for pleasure in their spare time.
- Completing homework is essential to success and it is essential that it is always completed.



Homework

- Weekly homework is set for all Year 5/6 children.
- It will include Maths (My Maths and Times Tables Rockstars).
- It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- It is set on a Tuesday, due back on the following Tuesday.



Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is a fun and interactive way for KS2 pupils to practice their times tables through games.

Each week the pupils who have accessed Times Tables Rockstars website for the most amount of time that week will receive a certificate in assembly as well as house points for their house.

Each half term the year group who have collectively accessed TTRS the most will have their names put into a random draw to receive a maths themed prize.

There are different games on the TTRS website so children can practice their times tables in different contexts. There is also a link, on the TTRS parent letter, to the parent area which has more information and additional resources.



Homework - Reading

Reading: In Year 5/6 we expect children to read 5 times a week, to an adult at home OR independently but talked about to an adult - free reader only. Please initial the reading record if they have read.

Your child has a reading record - please ensure you write a comment every time you hear your child read. This is helpful to us, to know successes and issues which we can support in class.

Reading Records and reading books must be in school everyday - so we can hear them read too. We will review reading records on a Monday each week.



Homework - Maths

MyMaths: Tasks are set weekly on the website MyMaths. These link to lesson content which has already been taught in class and is an opportunity for your child to re-visit prior learning. These tasks will be checked by Mrs Soane each week and House Points are awarded to pupils who have completed the task.

Times Tables: In Year 5/6 it is crucial the children know their times tables in order to access and make progress in maths. The creators of Times Tables Rockstars recommend that 21 minutes of practice a week is the ideal time for achieving top scores and building fluency/retention.

Your child's login details for each of these platforms are available to be collected at the end of this session.

We would ask you to encourage your child to write these in the front of their Reading Record so they have them to hand.



Diary Dates

Swimming- 2nd- 6th November 2026

Parents Evenings - 10th and 11th November

SATs Information Evening - 11th February

Minstead- 5th- 9th July



Minstead

5th -9th July



BUILDING RESILIENCE



Our focus this year is developing **resilient learners** who are **confident** when they face a **mistake** or a **challenge**. In school we will be using the following phrases/approaches please support us by doing the same at home:

- 3 before me
- The power of yet
- Have a Go Heroes



SEND Team

SEND- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENCo- Mrs Williams

SEND Leader- Mrs Hagan



They will work together to support the children at St Mark's with Mrs Hagan being your point of contact for any SEND queries at St Mark's.

If you would like to get in contact with either Mrs Williams or Mrs Hagan please email into the school office: adminoffice@st-marks.hants.sch.uk





At St Mark's we strive to communicate with you in the best possible way. We have decided to change how we send out communications this year.

If you have any feedback about communication please email in to adminoffice@st-marks.hants.sch.uk

Reminders on a Friday

Letters on a Thursday



Send out table each Friday

Weekly Reminders week beginning *****

Monday 7th	
Tuesday 8th	Year 1/2 to FAST museum (hyperlink letter)
Wednesday 9th	
Thursday 10th	



Trips and Visits

At St Mark's we plan trips and visits to enhance learning and to bring it alive.

Please do **read letters** about trips and visits carefully and give **permission** by the date on the letter, if permission is not given your child will not be able to go on the trip.

We ask for **voluntary contributions** (payment) for trips. If we do not receive enough money, trips may be unable to go ahead.

We understand the cost of living has made paying for things like trips more challenging, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Jones if this is ever a concern.



Home School Agreement & Permissions

You will be emailed a link to fill in a form on Scopay.

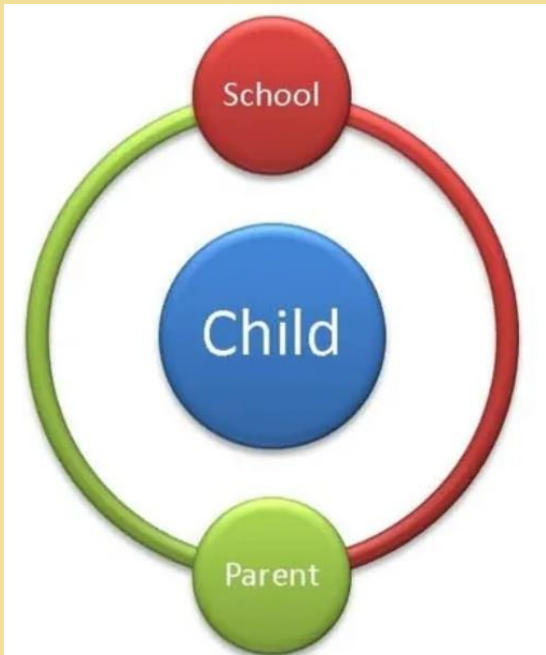
It will ask for **permission** for:

- Photographs and videos (school, website, WMAT marketing etc)
- Local visits
- Watching clips from films
- Food tasting/cookery

Please read and select your preferences.

Please note that if you do not fill in the form your child will not be in photos/videos and may not be able to take part in certain activities.

Please can you also look at the **Home School Agreement** with your child/children and complete the form to say you have looked at it with your child.



Parent Volunteers

If you would like to support in school (listening to readers, coming on school trips, helping with Tea Set etc) please can you contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with Mrs Jones and to discuss volunteering further.

The WMAT HR Team will then be in contact to make sure that all of the necessary compliance checks and training is in place.

Thank you- your support makes such a difference at St Mark's.



Thank you

Any Questions?

