



Summer Term 2024. St Agatha's RC Primary School (StAGs)

Tuesdays after school until 4.15pm 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

Dear Parents,

The Chess Club begins again on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. With **limited places** available, it is open to Y2-Y6 only of **any standard** including complete beginners on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

Chess is a fun game. It **improves** concentration, memory, cognitive thinking and calculating ability. It also **develops** analytical skills, training the mind to **plan ahead**.

**We play and learn about strategy and tactics together**

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Although fun, it is not all about winning. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see your child grow in confidence as they progress! **We have Surrey County players, Giga Finalists and players who have been part of J4NCL online promotion-winning side!**

**This Summer Term we will encourage parents to enter their child for the ECF Certificate of Excellence – Bronze/Silver/Gold levels**

My name is Mark Hogarth, I am a very experienced Chess teacher and Internationally Rated player, Junior Chess County selector and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are taught from scratch until ready to be assimilated into the main group which covers Openings/middlegame strategy/basic endgames & checkmating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector • Senior England International • chess tournament director • managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at Credit Suisse First Boston I successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership, a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

**Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm Y2 to Y6      £90 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 (10 weeks)**

**Existing/prospective members can request a place** by emailing [hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com) the following info **asap**:

1. Your Child's Name
2. Year Group and Class
3. Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation)
4. Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and mobile number **(2 mobile numbers required)**
5. Details of any allergy, medical needs (including use of inhalers and epi-pens)

**Entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Places will go fast.** We will email you directly if we have space for your child, and at that stage we will send you our **payment instructions** and general joining instructions.

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher, [mark.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.hogarth@btinternet.com) 07976 639080

Please note sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure **except** when a **force majeure**.