



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Newsletter 16

### **Paper copies of Newsletters and other letters**

The school has been assessing the best way of sending information out to parents for a while. We have concluded that paper letters are no longer effective; most seem to get lost or misplaced. We have therefore decided that newsletters will only go out by Parentmail. Copies will also be placed in the noticeboards located on the Mini Hall wall, outside the main office and in the junior playground; they will also be available to collect from the office. The information will also be available on the website [www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk)

This will be the last newsletter where paper copies are issued.

There will also be a gradual move for all other class letters and trip letters to be sent out via Parentmail.

If you are not already signed up to Parentmail then may I encourage you to do so. The Parentmail app can be downloaded to your phone.

### **Teaching assistant/Midday Meal Supervisor position**

Two vacancies have arisen at the school for a TA/MMS position. Should you wish to apply then please have a look on the Kent-Teach website [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) Applications must be received by 17.00 on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### **Parking on the verges**

Oh dear! This is happening again and our neighbours have justifiably spoken to the school about this. Please could I ask all parents NOT to park on the verges, across drives or in any manner that has a negative impact on our neighbours, or on the safety of the children.

### **Year 4 class assembly**

Parents of Year 4 children are invited to watch their children's class assembly on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.10 in the main hall.



### **Carrot Wood**

Thank you to those parents who have now returned their child's permission slip. However, I am still waiting for 7 parents to reply – you know who you are! As a gentle reminder payment in full needs to be made by the end of April.

### **Attendance 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Presents</b>	<b>AEA</b>	<b>Authorised Absences</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>% Attend</b>
EY Camber	95.6	0.0	3.5	0.9	100.0	95.6
EY Windsor	95.5	0.0	4.4	0.2	100.0	95.5
<b>Year 1 Arundel</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97.9</b>
Year 1 Bodiam	95.0	0.0	3.8	1.2	100.0	95.0
Y2 Leeds	97.3	0.0	1.9	0.8	100.0	97.3
Y2 Pevensey	95.3	0.0	3.8	1.0	100.0	95.3
Y3 Lewes	95.0	0.1	3.9	1.0	100.0	95.1
Y4 Dover	96.1	0.1	3.6	0.3	100.0	96.2
Y5 Hever	94.1	0.6	3.7	1.6	100.0	94.7
Y6 Rochester	95.5	0.7	3.4	0.4	100.0	96.2
Totals	95.7	0.2	3.4	0.7	100.0	95.9

Well done Arundel on topping the table and to everyone else for keeping the attendance figure above 95%. Thank you.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

We have started collecting the vouchers from Sainsbury's; last year we collected over 23,482! Let's see if we can collect even more this year! Last year we managed to buy equipment for playgrounds, some sports and cooking equipment and a voucher for each teacher to spend on their class.

### **PE KIT**

Please make sure that your child(ren) has a PE kit in school at all times. Children are wearing them for a club, taking them home and not returning them the next day. It is causing a few problems!

### **Brass lessons!**

Following a demonstration during assembly by local brass teacher, Lucy Leleu, brass lessons are now being offered at St Mark's. Brass instruments have such a lot to offer - they are relatively simple to start, inexpensive, versatile, and most importantly - terrific fun. If your child is in year 3 or above, and is interested in learning the trumpet, trombone, or any other brass instruments please contact Lucy directly, via the contact page on her website: [www.lucyleleu.co.uk](http://www.lucyleleu.co.uk). Reduced lesson rates including the option for 20 minute lessons or group lessons are available for students at St Mark's.

Yours sincerely

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