



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Newsletter 20

### Attendance 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> March

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	92.4	0.0	6.8	0.8	100.0	92.4
EY Windsor	96.3	0.0	3.3	0.4	100.0	96.3
Year 1 Arundel	91.5	0.0	7.5	1.0	100.0	91.5
Year 1 Bodiam	98.1	0.0	1.0	1.0	100.0	98.1
Y2 Leeds	98.7	0.0	0.4	0.9	100.0	98.7
Y2 Pevensey	94.2	0.0	4.2	1.5	100.0	94.2
Y3 Lewes	94.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	100.0	94.0
Y4 Dover	98.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	100.0	98.4
Y5 Hever	97.3	0.0	2.7	0.0	100.0	97.3
Y6 Rochester	97.2	0.0	2.1	0.7	100.0	97.2
Totals	95.9	0.0	3.5	0.6	100.0	95.9

Congratulations to Year 2 Leeds who topped the table this week and also to everyone for being over the 95% target. 😊

### Easter Service

Our annual Easter Church Service is being held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30, children will be walking up to Church after lunch. We encourage parents to come and join us to enjoy the service.

**ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHURCH AT THE END OF THE SERVICE AT 2.30 PM.**

Staff will be walking back to school at 2.40 pm (Children going to Play Place will be able to walk back to school with the teaching staff).

Please let your child's teacher know if you can help us walk up to the church.

### New staff

We would like to welcome Mrs S Ricketts and Mrs E Fisher to our team of Teaching Assistants.



Healthy Schools



## **Year 6**

Pupils have now been informed of their secondary school places, the secondary schools will be writing to parents with dates for open/induction days, could you please let the office know when your child will be attending.

## **Sports Update**

We have been competing in several events this week and the children have done very well 😊

### **Cross Country**

Well done to the runners who took part at the latest very wet, windy and snowy race at Eridge, a special mention goes to Anthony who came 7<sup>th</sup> in his race!

### **Netball Tournament**

Our Netball team had its very first tournament at TWGGS this week, they played extremely well against some very tough and experienced teams.

### **Hockey Tournament**

The team played this week in a tournament at Tonbridge School, they played 5 games, won 2 lost 2 and drew 1 and came third in their group, well done to all the players.

AND THANK YOU to all the parents who transport the children and support them in all weathers!

Please ensure your children have their P.E. kit in school every day.

## **Sports Relief**

It's Sport Relief on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and we are fundraising, Sarah and Toni will be running up to a mile with each class around the playground, children are welcome to bring their named trainers in with a donation of £ 1.00. Don't forget your water bottles! Thank you.

## **Childrens safety**

It has been brought to attention by a Headteacher colleague that their school was made aware that during the school day last week a man parked in the Southborough area was observed to be behaving suspiciously and was subsequently arrested.

I have also been made aware of an incident in the Sevenoaks area where a man in a van chased a secondary aged pupil on his way home from school.

So a timely reminder.....

If your child walks to and from school without an adult please could you remind him/her to be particularly careful and to walk with others if possible. They should make sure that they are aware of what is happening around them and not for example, be focused on phones or listening to music. If anything occurs, they should go somewhere safe for help if necessary and tell parents, the police and school as soon as possible.

We will talk with our children about keeping safe, especially if they walk to and from school.

## **Windsor and Camber Class**

Capes and masks at the ready....Camber and Windsor class are having a superhero day! On Friday 18th March we would love the children to dress up as a superhero, this could be their favourite full costume from home or a few homemade accessories to show their super powers. The children will be testing their superhero abilities with a range of fun activities during the day including using their super fitness to run a mile for Sports Relief. We look forward to seeing all the children in their super costumes.

Mrs Vale-Taylor, Mrs Miles and Mrs Evans

### **Spare clothes**

We have run out of spare underwear for emergencies, If you have any clean nearly new pants, knickers, tights and socks you no longer need we would be very grateful. Items can be dropped off at the office. Thank you.

### **Parents Evening reminder**

Please remember to sign up for parents evening which in next Tuesday and Wednesday. Sign up sheets are in the mini hall in the infant playground.

### **Seeds from space**

The school applied for some 'seeds from space' and we were very lucky to receive two lots! One for Nurture Group and one for Eco Club. The children have been given rocket seeds, some which have been in space and some which haven't! They will grow these and record information about the growth of the seeds, seeing whether a trip to space had had any effect. Look out for the press release coming out on Monday. We are very grateful to Toni, Sarah and Mrs Reynolds for organising this exciting opportunity for the children!

### **Dinner Money Nag**

We repeatedly have to ask parents to pay on time ie before their child has eaten. The kitchen have reported that there is now more than £100 outstanding and it is the 'usual' offenders. If you know that you have outstanding debt please call in at the school office and pay. As stated before the kitchen feed the children as they would not want any child to go hungry, but if this level of debt continues then they are within their right not to provide a meal and ask the school office to ring you to bring in either the money or a packed lunch. I would not wish the office staff to have to make those calls, so please call at the office!!

### **Footballs**

Children are allowed to bring in their own named footballs to play with at playtimes; however they must show it to their teacher before they use it and it must be a soft/sponge type ball, hard or leather footballs are not allowed. We cannot accept any responsibility for damage or loss. This will be reviewed and stopped if this causes any problems.

### **Parking**

When parking your cars please be considerate, we have had reports that the same parents are parking slightly over the disabled bay and dropped curbs, please do not block access for disabled people and nearby residents.

Yours sincerely

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