



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter 3

More success to celebrate!

Following our results posted in the newsletter at the end of July I am now delighted to inform you that our school has performed very well in both of the end of each Key Stage statutory assessments.

Year 2 SATs (from the latest KCC publication)

Progress made in Year 2 for the cohort in reading was 4.1 which is above the national expectation of 4 points per year and shows good progress

Progress made in Year 2 for the cohort in writing was 4.5 which is well above the national expectation of 4 points per year and shows good progress

Progress made in Year 2 for the cohort in Maths was 4.7 which is well above the national expectation of 4 points per year and shows good progress

Year 6 SATs

Children are expected to progress by two levels over KS2 .

	National Average 2014	We achieved
Two levels of progress in Writing	93%	100%
Two levels of progress in Reading	91%	96%
Two levels of progress in Maths	89%	100%

Our school came joint first of 30 Tunbridge Wells Schools for Writing progress, joint first of 30 Tunbridge Wells Schools for Maths progress and third of the 30 Schools for Reading progress.

All other classes last year achieved either above national levels or well above national levels in Reading, Writing and Maths.

This excellent pupil progress is all down to the 100% good or outstanding teaching from the teachers throughout the school and the huge effort, hard work and positive attitudes from the children themselves, and of course the support from parents with homework etc!



Attendance Table for week beginning 14th September – School Target above 96%

A big congratulations to Camber class who top the attendance table for this week.

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	99.1	0.9	0.0	100.0	99.1
EY Windsor	92.8	7.2	0.0	100.0	92.8
Year 1 Arundel	97.7	2.3	0.0	100.0	97.7
Year 1 Bodiam	97.9	2.1	0.0	100.0	97.9
Y2 Leeds	97.9	2.1	0.0	100.0	97.9
Y2 Pevensey	96.0	4.0	0.0	100.0	96.0
Y3 Lewes	98.1	1.2	0.8	100.0	98.1
Y4 Dover	96.4	3.6	0.0	100.0	96.4
Y5 Hever	90.4	8.1	1.5	100.0	90.4
Y6 Rochester	96.3	3.0	0.7	100.0	96.3
School Total	96.2	3.5	0.4	100.0	96.2

(The attendance policy is on the school website)

Number of late arrivals was 12.

Farewell to Mrs Lucas

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Lucas who will be leaving us after 10 years at St Mark's. We are extremely grateful for all her terrific hard work over the years and wish her every success in her future career.

Chess Club

Mr Renno has started a chess club for year 3 – 6 to be held on Thursday lunchtimes from 12 – 12.30. This club has a limit of 12 students. Please sign up at the office should your child wish to attend.

Under the Sea

On Thursday 1st October GSS are serving a special Under the Sea menu (details already sent out) For this week only the Thursday menu advertised will be served on the Friday.

Harvest

Parents are reminded that our School Harvest Service is Thursday 1st October at 10.00am in the church. All children except the Early Years children will be walking up to the church as usual. The Early Years classes will be having their own special celebration in class.

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat to wear in case it is raining.

Children are asked to bring in a harvest gift (non-perishable) which will be light enough for them to carry to church.

Only if the weather is atrocious will I make a decision at 9.00am to hold the service in the school instead at 10.00am.

Kinetic Theatre

Thursday 2nd October in the afternoon we have invited the Kinetic Theatre in to perform a science show for the whole school, a letter is attached with a little more information and asking for a small donation of £1.

School Prayer Box

A lot of children and some adults use the prayer box. They post prayers into it and these are dedicated to God in our Wednesday Act of Worship. They are not read or kept. Only God knows what is in them!

We have now placed the Prayer Box in the entrance area because one or two parents have asked about it. Please feel free to use it!

Pupil Premium Funding

In newsletter 1 I mentioned how important Pupil Premium Funding is to the finances of the school and how it allows the school to offer specialised support to children. With the introduction of UFSM we have seen a reduction in the number of applications for this benefit.

If you are in receipt of any government benefit I would urge you to go onto www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to see if you qualify. The school receives notification of all qualifying children and once this has been received the school will provide your child with a free jumper/cardigan, PE Shirt, Polo Shirt and PE bag.

2016 transfer to secondary school booklets

All year 6 parents were sent a letter via their children to advise that these booklets were available from the school office. Parents are reminded that if you wish to receive one you will need to come in and sign for it!

Yours sincerely

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