



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter 4

Attendance table 3/9/15 to 2/10/15

Group	Presen ts	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	91.4	8.0	0.5	100.0	91.4
EY Windsor	95.2	3.8	1.0	100.0	95.2
Year 1 Arundel	96.7	3.3	0.0	100.0	96.7
Year 1 Bodiam	89.9	5.4	4.6	100.0	89.9
Y2 Leeds	99.1	0.9	0.0	100.0	99.1
Y2 Pevensey	96.5	3.3	0.2	100.0	96.5
Y3 Lewes	97.0	2.8	0.2	100.0	97.0
Y4 Dover	96.9	3.1	0.0	100.0	96.9
Y5 Hever	91.9	4.4	0.9	100.0	91.9
Y6 Rochester	97.4	2.4	0.2	100.0	97.4
Totals	95.4	3.5	0.7	100.0	95.4

A big congratulations to Leeds who top the attendance table this week; they had 100% attendance for the week 28th September to 2nd October, well done.

Harvest

Thank you to all of you who helped to take the children to church last week for our Harvest Festival Service and to all of you who supported the Church by providing gifts for the children to carry to Church. The Church passes on its grateful thanks.

Mrs Seminario

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Seminario who has had to leave at very short notice due to personal reasons. We are grateful for all her hard work whilst at St Mark's and we will all miss her bubbly personality. I am sure you would want to join me in wishing her well.

Mrs Miles will be working for three days a week (Monday - Wednesday) starting from Term 2. We have begun the recruitment process to fill the vacancy and will keep parents informed of progress.



School Photos

Individual photos will be taken this Friday 9th October, no slips need to be returned, class and group photos will be taken later in the year.

Visit from the Bishop!

The Bishop of our Diocese, Rt Rev James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester will be coming to bless the new buildings on Friday 23rd October at 2.00pm. The children will be singing and there will be refreshments served in the hall afterwards. Parents are welcome to join us but we ask that you would please return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter by Monday if you wish to come so that we have an idea of numbers. The KS2 side gate (Saunders Road) will be opened at around 2.15pm after the Bishop has made a short tour and we will gather around the entrance of the KS2 classrooms.

Urgent -- Year 6 Procedure to Entry to Secondary Education

Following my last letter I still have a number of KCC Booklets which have not been signed for and taken away. These contain important information about applying for a secondary school place. Please come and pick one up at the office. Parents of Year 6 children are reminded that they need to apply online by 31st October.

Consultations

Parents are reminded that these are on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st from 3.30 – 6.00pm. Mr Fenton will be holding his on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. Letters will be coming home shortly with details of how to book these.

Parking

Thank you to all the parents who are parking more considerately around Saunders Road following our last message. Unfortunately we have been made aware that parents have been parking inconsiderately on the verge of Nottidge Road and have been rude to a delivery driver trying to do his job. Please could parents be considerate of all road users, neighbours and pedestrians, and above all remember the safety of the children, including visibility at crossings is more important than anything else. Thank you.

Pick Up, Drop Off and the outdoor play equipment

Just to remind all parents that children are not allowed on the equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. Children are also not allowed to cycle or scooter around the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Please would all parents support the school in this policy by supervising their children. The policy is there for their safety and the safety of other children.

Sm@sh

The next sm@sh is this Sunday from 4 – 5pm.

A plea from Early Years

Reception are changing the outdoor learning area over the coming weeks. In order to do this we are asking parents to bring in some resources. If you have any spare: dressing up clothes such as frozen/fireman/police costumes, dolls, shells, gravel, guttering, funnels, bark chipping and soil or gravel. Please drop these items off to your child's Reception class or at the office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Reply Slip for Bishop's visit

Please circle as appropriate

I / we will / not be coming to the Bishop's visit on Friday 23rd October at 2.15pm

Name(s) of parent / guardian _____ signed _____