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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter 6

Bishop's visit

Thank you to everyone who came to support us on the last day of term as we welcomed the Bishop of Rochester to our school to open the new buildings and bless them. It was a very successful occasion. The weather was kind to us and the children sang beautifully. Well done to the Head boy and Girl for expertly showing the Bishop around the school and to the Deputy Head boy and girl for ably reading the Psalm from the Bible. The Pupil Council did a good job looking after our guests in the hall afterwards. A big thank you to the PTA for organising the refreshments.

Look out for the article in The Courier tomorrow!

Mr Bird – Super-coach.

You will already know that after 17 years of being a school football team coach Mr Bird has finally passed on his whistle and hung up his football boots. Henry Muggeridge from Tonbridge Angels is now coaching the school team and they will shortly be playing their first match of the season. Since Mr Bird has been at St Mark's he has coached the school football team with astonishing success and consistent football glory as follows:

2010 League Winners

2011 League Winners

2012 Cup Winners

2013 League Winners

2014 Cup Winners

2015 League and Cup Winners

This has now reached the attention of the Tunbridge Wells Courier and Mr Bird has been nominated for their 2015 Coach/Manager of the Year Award. You may have seen the article and voting slip in the October 30th edition of The Courier – page 66. The school team won the Team of the Year Award last year and have been nominated again this year. I understand that voting slips will be available for the next few weeks in every edition.

So ... please cast your votes for Mr Bird! He thoroughly deserves the award! Buy two copies and vote for the school team too! Get your friends and families to do the same!



Questionnaires

Please find attached a questionnaire to help us with our on-going school self-evaluation. Our excellent school results, our Ofsted Inspection, our SIAMS inspections, together with our close and rigorous monitoring of the quality of teaching by the Governors and Senior Leadership Team and KCC external visits over the last few years are all telling us that we are an outstanding school. But we want to know your views too. We will also be giving a questionnaire to pupils and staff in due course. Please return your questionnaire addressed to Mr Dungate in the envelope provided by the end of next week. Thank you.

Date Change

Due to Year 6 going to Newhaven Fort today the height and weight check for Year 6 will now be on Tuesday 24th November. Parents have already been given a letter regarding this, please ask at the office if you require another copy.

Flu Jabs

The date for the children in Year 1 and 2 who are having their flu immunisations in school is Tuesday 10th November.

PTA Christmas Fair

The PTA has changed the date of the Christmas Fair to Saturday 5th December from 12.00 to 2.30 pm.

Dropping children at school – all classes

Now that the reception children have completed their first term, we are asking that parents no longer come into the classroom when they drop their child(ren), this is to help them develop their independence. Some parents in classes further up the school are also going into the classroom to drop off, we would ask that you also drop your child at the school door with the other children, again to help develop their independence. Thank you.

Attendance 19th October – 23rd October

Congratulations to Y2 Leeds who topped the attendance table with a splendid 100% attendance

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	97.9	2.1	0.0	100.0	97.9
EY Windsor	95.4	4.6	0.0	100.0	95.4
Year 1 Arundel	97.7	2.3	0.0	100.0	97.7
Year 1 Bodiam	99.0	0.0	1.0	100.0	99.0
Y2 Leeds	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Y2 Pevensey	96.8	3.2	0.0	100.0	96.8
Y3 Lewes	96.7	3.3	0.0	100.0	96.7
Y4 Dover	95.9	4.1	0.0	100.0	95.9
Y5 Hever	96.5	3.5	0.0	100.0	96.5
Y6 Rochester	96.7	2.6	0.7	100.0	96.7
Totals	97.2	2.6	0.2	100.0	97.2

Yours sincerely

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