



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Attendance 23rd May – 27th May

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	96.5	0.0	2.6	0.9	100.0	96.5
EY Windsor	95.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	100.0	95.8
Year 1 Arundel	95.2	0.0	4.8	0.0	100.0	95.2
Year 1 Bodiam	98.2	0.0	1.8	0.0	100.0	98.2
Y2 Leeds	90.0	0.0	6.9	3.1	100.0	90.0
Y2 Pevensey	98.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	100.0	98.5
Y3 Lewes	96.9	0.0	3.1	0.0	100.0	96.9
Y4 Dover	93.2	3.6	0.5	2.7	100.0	96.8
Y5 Hever	98.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	100.0	98.4
Y6 Rochester	97.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	100.0	97.2
Totals	96.0	0.3	3.0	0.6	100.0	96.3

Very, very close this week. Pevensey beat Hever by 0.1%. Well done!

Run a mile a day

Many of you may well have seen the reports about this scheme that originated at St Ninian's primary school in Scotland. The idea is that the children run a mile a day to improve their overall level of fitness and to promote a healthy way of living.

The Headteacher at St Ninian's reported that "The children are fit and healthy, they come in energised, ready to learn and focused, apple-cheeked and bright-eyed."

At St Mark's we have decided that we would like to run a variation of the scheme starting on Monday 13th June. Children in KS1 and EYFS will be encouraged to run ½ mile or for a maximum of 5 minutes a day. In KS2 the aim is that the children run a mile or for a maximum of 10 minutes. Staff will fit the run into their classes' daily timetable.

All children will need to have a pair of plimsolls or trainers in school (if in EYFS or KS1 the Velcro type please) and a water bottle as they may well get thirsty. We will trial the scheme for term 6 and then assess it!



Rabbits and chickens

Rabbits - The school has recently received two rabbits that needed rehoming. The rabbits Boisey and Jake are living at the end of the KS2 building. All children are welcome to visit them, and pet them with the supervision of a member of staff. Please do not scare them as we wish them to remain friendly!!

Chickens – The other new residents are cream leg bar chicks which were hatched by Year 2 Pevensey. The children were able to observe the eggs in the incubator, inspect the eggs through an occulator to see how the chicks were growing inside, and watch them hatch. This was a great experience for the class and we now have a new set of eggs in Year 2 Leeds which should hatch around the 15th June.

The current chicks are now around 5 weeks old. We have a happy home for the cockerels to eventually go to, the hens should begin laying after 20 weeks. Eggs will (hopefully) be available for purchase at some point and the money raised will be used to buy feed and bedding etc.

If possible we would like to continue with the egg hatching for future year 2's, so if any parents keep chickens and would be prepared to have a female chick or two next year please let Mrs White in the school office know. Thanks

Shoes day Tuesday – Tuesday 14th June 2016

Children are invited to wear different shoes to school and make a £1 donation to help raise funds for Starfish Malawi.

Decorate your school shoes or other shoes, wear odd shoes or do a combination of both! Please make sure that the shoes do not have wheels or heels. It is important that they are safe to be worn at school.

<http://starfishmalawi.com>

Starfish Malawi Bewl Water Walk - 25th June 2016

Starfish Malawi works primarily with schools and churches and this annual event brings together a whole range of supporters who value their work.

If you would like to get involved with this event please see the details on the attached flyer.

Can you help us win £5000 of book tokens for the school library?

By logging onto the site below you could help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for *the* school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter *the* competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Queens Birthday Celebration

We all had a fantastic picnic celebration on the field this afternoon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. There was bunting and refreshments and special home made fairy cakes and a crown/tiara parade and prizes and rousing music!

Thank you to all of you who helped make it a special time for the children and a special thanks to Toni and Sarah for co-ordinating it all and setting it all up!

Dates for your diary

13 th – 17 th June	Year 6 and Mr. Dungate to Carroty Wood Residential centre
23 rd June	EU Referendum the school is a polling station. NO ACCESS TO SCHOOL FROM NOTTIDGE ROAD. ALL CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED AND COLLECTED FROM KS2 PLAYGROUND
24 th June	PTA Home clothes day. Please bring in a bottle and leave at the office or PTA will be on the playground
30 th June	EYFS assembly - 9.00
30 th June	Drama Club performance 3.25 to 4/4.15
2 nd July	PTA Summer Fete – please see the PTA newsletter in your child’s book bag today
4 th July	Skip 2bfit sessions – whole school
12 th July	School Choir Concert 7 – 8.30
13 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	Reserve sports day
18 th July	Year 5 trip to Hever Castle
19 th July	Class swap day
20 th July	Leavers service 10am at St Mark’s Church
21 st July	Last day of term – school finishes at the normal time

Further details about these events will follow

Yours sincerely

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