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Dear Parents/Guardians

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School Trips

School trips are an important part of the teaching and learning provision at St Mark's. As well as helping to make learning more fun and enjoyable they provide a great opportunity to reinforce learning at school. A school trip also provides personal and social development as the children gain experience in the wider world.

As a school we work very hard to ensure that all trips are carefully costed to provide good value for money. We try to ensure that no trip (apart from the Year 6 residential trip) exceeds the figure of twenty pounds and the majority of trips are around the fifteen pound mark.

Unfortunately at a time when all school budgets are feeling the squeeze it is no longer possible to go ahead with a school trip if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost.

Sadly for the first time ever we had to cancel a trip (the year two trip to Michelham Priory) as there had been insufficient parental support/contributions and the schools budget can no longer cover a shortfall. In this case the school has had to pay a cancellation fee, but it was significantly less than the shortfall in contributions, and we considered that losing the smaller amount of money was the correct decision.

We would not wish to cancel any further school trips and I am hoping that we can look forward to your support to ensure that we do not have to. Should you be in a position of financial hardship then please come and talk to me or Mrs White.

Children on banks, play equipment at the beginning and end of the school day

For your child(ren)'s safety and other children please stop your child(ren) from running up and down the banks on the junior playground. The banks are steep and should a child fall off one they could seriously hurt themselves or another child should they fall on them. The children do know that they are not allowed on them.

Similarly the play equipment is only for use under supervision during school hours.



PTA Quiz Night – 15th October

Please remember to buy your tickets from the office and PTA members in the playground.

Collecting children

If your child is being collected by another parent please let the class teacher know at the beginning of the day.

Sm@sh

The next sm@sh is on Sunday 16th October from 4-5pm, a flier will be coming out next week.

And finally Attendance 26th September – 30th September

Overall our attendance has dropped 1% from last week to 97%, let's try to improve next week!

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	99.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	100.0	99.3
EY Windsor	96.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	100.0	96.3
Year 1 Arundel	94.3	0.0	1.4	4.3	100.0	94.3
Year 1 Bodiam	98.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	100.0	98.5
Y2 Leeds	98.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	100.0	98.3
Y2 Pevensey	92.7	0.0	3.5	3.8	100.0	92.7
Y3 Lewes	99.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	100.0	99.3
Year 3 Deal	95.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	100.0	95.8
Y4 Dover	97.9	0.0	2.1	0.0	100.0	97.9
Y5 Hever	98.6	0.0	1.4	0.0	100.0	98.6
Y6 Rochester	51.1	44.4	4.4	0.0	100.0	95.6
Totals	92.8	4.2	2.3	0.8	100.0	97.0

Yours sincerely

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