



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Newsletter No 18

The House Cup was won by **Saturn** this week



### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The scheme has opened again and we are collecting ☺ The voucher post box is in the school entrance; please ask aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours to send their vouchers our way. Thank you!

### Second Hand Uniform Sale Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a second hand uniform sale in the school Library on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30 pm. Please do come along and have a look. All proceeds go to the PTA.

### ☹ Cruelty to Chickens ☹



We have had several cases reported where children are kicking our chicken's cage, this is cruel, it scares them and it will also make them aggressive, meaning that the children will be unable to go into the enclosure to feed and pet them.

The chickens were placed in an area for all our children and visitors to enjoy, if this mistreatment continues we may have to consider finding them another home and not hatching any more eggs which would be such a shame as it is a very practical way for the children in Year 2 to study lifecycles.

This is happening at drop off and collection please keep an eye on your children.

### Absence reporting by email

If your child is going to be absent you are welcome to email the school office. Please use the email address [office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk)

### **Good Book Certificates 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Yr 1 Bodiam – Dawood  
Yr 1 Arundel – Charlie J  
Yr 2 Leeds – Hugo  
Yr 2 Pevensey – Imogen  
Yr 3 Lewes – Cormac  
Yr 3 Deal – Zachary  
Yr 4 Dover – Evio  
Yr 5 Hever – Odile  
Yr 6 Rochester – Lora



### Superhero day - EYFS

Camber and Windsor class are having a superhero day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This will involve a range of superhero themed activities throughout the day. We would love the children to dress up as superheroes for the event. A costume could be their favourite superhero outfit, a decorated t-shirt or some home-made super accessories!

Parents are invited in to hear all about the children's learning at 2:30 in classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you there (capes optional for parents!)

The Early Years Team



### **Dates to remember**

#### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> 4 pm SM@SCH In the school hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term
- 20<sup>th</sup> Children back for Term 4
- 24<sup>th</sup> Maths Road Show Y4 & Y5
- 28<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations

#### March

- 1st Parent Consultations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations
- 19<sup>th</sup> 4 pm SM@SCH In the school hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.10 am Year 4 Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> 1.45 pm Easter Service at Church
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of Term

#### April

- 19<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

#### May

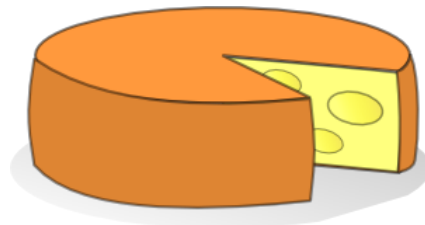
- 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term

### Residential Visit September 2017 – current year 4 and 5

Deposits should have been in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, if you haven't returned your form we would be grateful if you could do so at the very latest by Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. If you do not wish your child to attend please would you drop a note in to Mr Dugate or Mrs White. Mr Dugate and Mr Fenton will be holding an information session on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15 pm in the Year 6 classroom. Thank you

### Message from the PTA

Dust off your dancing shoes. The PTA is very pleased to announce The Big Cheese night on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Local band the 38s will be taking you on a journey through the eighties, nineties and noughties accompanied by a variety of cheese and biscuits. Tickets will be available soon at the office.



### NSPCC Number day

The children were beautifully turned out in a variety of colours, shapes and numbers. Thank you for making such a terrific effort. We raised £154.



### **Breakfast Club – new payment arrangements**

From the beginning of the new term payment for sessions must be made in advance. Payment should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the dates for which the payment is for. Toni and Sarah will not be accepting payment at breakfast club, and if the payment has not been received then they may have to ask you to stay with your child until normal drop off time, rather than accept your child into the club.

It is regrettable that we are having to change the more flexible arrangement that the club operated under previously, but as the club gets busier we need to know in advance the numbers that will be attending so that breakfast supplies can be purchased, and sadly there are a number of parents who habitually pay late and need to be chased creating unnecessary administrative work.

Finally Breakfast will only be served until 8.20am, after this time you are still welcome to bring your child to the club for supervision before school starts.

### **School Nurse**

School Staff Nurse Catherine Mars will be offering a health clinic on Wednesday, 15th March at St Marks School from 8:30-10:30am. Catherine can offer advice on most child health related issues including day and night time wetting, constipation and soiling, treating head lice, sleeping, healthy eating and lifestyle, managing behaviour or hearing tests. Please email [catherine.mars@nhs.net](mailto:catherine.mars@nhs.net) to book a confidential appointment.

### **Attendance 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Wow YEAR 3 😊😊😊

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
EY Camber	98.0	2.0	0.0	98.0
EY Windsor	93.1	6.9	0.0	93.1
Year 1 Arundel	97.0	1.7	1.3	97.0
Year 1 Bodiam	99.3	0.7	0.0	99.3
Y2 Leeds	94.8	5.2	0.0	94.8
Y2 Pevensey	92.0	8.0	0.0	92.0
<b>Year 3 Lewes</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Year 3 Deal</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Y4 Dover	93.5	6.1	0.0	93.9
Y5 Hever	91.3	8.7	0.0	91.3
Y6 Rochester	95.2	4.8	0.0	95.2
Totals	95.9	3.9	0.1	96.0

Yours sincerely

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