



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

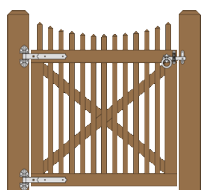
## Newsletter No 20

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



Welcome back to term 4, I hope that you all had a good February break 😊

### Early years new gate



In response to parental concerns and comments that the collection of children from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 is rather congested we have had an additional gate put in the EYFS fencing. From Monday would all parents drop their EYFS child at this gate and they will also be released from here in the afternoon. Hopefully this will go some way to reducing the congestion.

### Early Years Forest School Day

Windsor and Camber class had an excellent time at their 'forest school day' on Monday. The children enjoyed making bird feeders, fairy houses and leaf collages as well as all coming home sporting a fabulous willow crown. They also worked on their tree climbing and den building skills – essential for all 4



and 5 year olds! Experiences like these are so beneficial to the children in terms of both their physical and emotional



development and it made us all appreciate the space we have right outside the classrooms in the school grounds – what lucky children they are at St Marks!

The Early Years Team



## World Book Day



Just a reminder that the date for this is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the theme is Where's Wally, so children can come dressed as either Wenda or Wally, please do not feel that you need to go and spend money on a striped top, plain blue or red tops would be perfect.

A letter was sent out by Parentmail earlier this week with full details.

## Eco Club Jumble Sale

Eco Club are holding a jumble sale on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the mini hall 3.15 – 4pm. If you have any good as new items that we can sell could you please bring them to the hut in the junior playground before this date.

Toni will also be making a cake to raffle, tickets will be available from the hut or the office and will cost £ 1.00 per strip.

## Residential visit 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September

The cost of this trip has now been finalised at £110 per child.

The next payment of £45 is due on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, or before. Thank you.

## Attendance 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Congratulations to Deal for their attendance this week. Sadly the overall attendance for the school was still below our target of 96.2%. Let's hope that all pupils and staff have returned fit and healthy this week so we can get the weekly figure back to 95% +.

For the first three terms we have managed attendance of 95.4% which is slightly below where we would hope to be at this point in the school year, please do make every effort to avoid appointments within school hours if at all possible, and also avoid taking holidays in term time. Thanks you.

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	% Term 1 - 3
EY Camber	89.7	10.3	0.0	89.7	96.5
EY Windsor	95.5	4.5	0.7	95.5	94.0
Year 1 Arundel	86.0	10.7	1.3	86.0	94.5
Year 1 Bodiam	89.3	10.7	0.0	89.3	95.4
Y2 Leeds	87.4	11.7	0.0	87.4	96.6
Y2 Pevensey	89.6	10.4	0.8	89.6	94.7
Year 3 Lewes	88.8	10.4	1.6	88.8	95.5
<b>Year 3 Deal</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>98.3</b>	96.3
Y4 Dover	89.6	6.1	0.0	93.0	94.9
Y5 Hever	93.5	5.7	3.5	93.5	95.1
Y6 Rochester	93.3	6.7	1.5	93.3	95.7
Totals	90.9	8.2	0.8	91.2	<b>95.4</b>

Yours sincerely

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## Dates to remember

### February

24<sup>th</sup> Maths Road Show Y4 & Y5  
24<sup>th</sup> 3.15pm Talk about Residential visit for Year 4 and 5, in Year 6 classroom  
28<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations

### March

1st Parent Consultations  
2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations  
2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day  
6<sup>th</sup> ECO Club Jumble Sale 3.15 – 4.15pm mini hall  
19<sup>th</sup> 4 pm SM@SCH In the school hall  
18<sup>th</sup> The Big Cheese Night  
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