



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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## Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents/Guardians

### The House Cup was won by Mercury this week


Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter Break and that you are all looking forward to the new term ☺. This is a short term, 5 ½ weeks which will be filled with learning, fun and lots of activity!

We would like all parents to focus on reading with their child this term – EVERY NIGHT – please. This will really help to improve vocabulary, focus and concentration skills.

#### Y6 SATS

Just to remind parents that SATS week is the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Hospice in the Weald

 Thank you to all those children who have returned their horse template. We will soon be displaying them in the entrance foyer and deciding which ones to use to design the decoration of our pony. We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May and will be asking KS1 to bring cakes in to raise further funds for this great cause. There will also be a 'Big cake' raffle.

#### ECO Club

I'm sure that those parents who visit KS1 have noticed that the tubs and hanging baskets have been spruced up and are now looking lovely. This was arranged by ECO Club who used some of the money that they raised from their jumble sale to fund this. Thank you!

#### Dates to remember

##### April

27<sup>th</sup> Class Photo's

##### May

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 1 – Hargate  
4<sup>th</sup> Local Elections – no entry from Saunders Road  
8<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATS week  
9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Shoe Day  
9<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> Yr 1and EYFS Drama Workshop  
19<sup>th</sup> Safety in Action  
22<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 Drusillas  
24<sup>th</sup> KS2 Disco 3.15pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Y3 Assembly  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term

##### June

5<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
8<sup>th</sup> General Election – no entry from Saunders Road  
13<sup>th</sup> Y6 to Rochester Cathedral  
14<sup>th</sup> Y4 & 5 to Brighton Sea Life Centre  
27<sup>th</sup> Y1 to Hastings Aquarium

##### July

1<sup>st</sup> PTA Summer Fayre  
20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

##### September

5<sup>th</sup> Children return to school



Healthy Schools



## School Clubs

Clubs run by school staff start the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April. Football and Dance which are run by outside providers start this week.

## Attendance 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Chicken pox continued to affect figures this week. Well done to Year 3 Lewes who managed 98.3%. Of the 40 children absent on the last Friday of term 11 were on unauthorised family holidays. Our year to date target is now only just over 95% and should we see a similar pattern at the end of term 5 and 6 we are likely to fall below 95%. Ofsted expects good schools to have attendance in excess of 95%. This can only be achieved through your support.

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	Year to date
EY Camber	97.0	3.0	0.0	97.0	95.8
EY Windsor	88.3	11.7	0.0	88.3	93.5
Year 1 Arundel	86.0	12.0	2.0	86.0	93.9
Year 1 Bodiam	85.0	13.6	1.4	85.0	94.7
Y2 Leeds	94.8	2.6	2.6	94.8	96.7
Y2 Pevensey	86.4	12.8	0.8	86.4	94.4
<b>Year 3 Lewes</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>98.3</b>	95.8
Year 3 Deal	85.8	7.5	6.7	85.8	96.3
Y4 Dover	88.3	4.8	4.3	90.9	95.1
Y5 Hever	83.5	11.3	5.2	83.5	94.5
Y6 Rochester	91.4	7.1	1.4	91.4	95.7
Totals	89.5	8.2	2.1	89.8	95.1

## School Trips

Please do remember to complete your slips and return them to the school office with any money required. All letters have to state that the financial contribution is voluntary, and indeed it is, BUT, the reality is that if these monies are not received from all parents then the trip will be cancelled unless the PTA is able to step in.

### **Good Book Certificates 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Yr R Windsor – Lennie  
Yr R Camber - Chloe  
Yr 1 Bodiam – Fatima  
Yr 1 Arundel – Ashley  
Yr 2 Leeds – Olivia  
Yr 2 Pevensey – Rosie  
Yr 3 Lewes – Olivia  
Yr 3 Deal – Zander  
Yr 4 Dover – Abi  
Yr 5 Hever – Ben  
Yr 6 Rochester – Vishnu

Effectively this means that parents are making the choice for their child and the rest of the class as to whether the trip goes ahead. I am happy to talk to any parent in financial hardship who cannot afford a trip to see if an arrangement can be reached. Please do come and see me, as I wish as many trips as possible to go ahead as they are a very valuable part of the children's learning enhancing and reinforcing the lessons that have been taught in school.

### **Caterlink- on line payment**

This has got off to a slightly rocky start with the wrong letters going out. If you haven't got your log in yet please ask at the office. We're hoping to be cash free by the end of April.

### **Good Book Certificate**

I'm sure that parents will have noticed that EYFS are now included. This is because reception students now attend the Friday celebration

assembly 😊.

Yours sincerely

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