



St Mark's C E Primary School

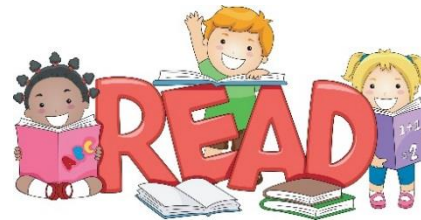
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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter 1

On behalf of all the staff and governors I welcome you all back to a new school year! I hope you had a lovely time with your children! And I would like to wish an especially warm welcome to all new children and parents.

We would also like to welcome our new teachers Ms Riddall and Mrs Eldrett in Yr 2 Leeds (maternity leave cover) Mrs Bert in Yr 4 Dover, Mr Barringer in Yr 4 Farnham and Mrs Magee who is working with Mrs Hammond in Yr 5 Hever.

The staff have worked really hard over the summer to prepare for the new school year and have planned exciting curriculum work and opportunities, I thank them for their dedication and I am really looking forward to another positive, happy and excellent year for everyone.

Year 6 PESE (Procedure for Entry to Secondary School) Information

Parents of children in Year 6 who have applied to take the Kent Selection Tests are reminded that the children will be taking the test tomorrow Thursday 7th September.

The tests will start promptly at 9.10 and will be invigilated by the Headteacher of Broadwater Down and Mr Laurence; I will be invigilating at Broadwater Down. Please ensure that your child has had breakfast, brings with them a drinks bottle and arrives at school on time! The tests will end at approximately 12.30, there will be two short breaks between the papers.

Whether or not you came to my briefing meeting last term, all parents have been sent full details of the application process for applying for a place at a secondary school for your child. Once again parents are reminded that the application must be made online at



Healthy Schools



www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions or call 03000 416678

Applications must be made by the deadline of **31st October 2017**.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Clubs

The new clubs list has been sent out by parent mail today. Paper copies are available in the office. Please complete and return the form to the office if you wish your child(ren) to attend any of the clubs.

Start of term Prayer Meeting

This is being held at 9.00 am on Tuesday 12th September in Mr Dungate's office, please come and join us for God's blessing on the life, work and people of our school during the term ahead.

Dates to remember

September 2017

12th (Tues) Y2 Meet the Teacher 2.40
13th (Weds) Y1 Meet the Teacher 2.40
17th (Sun) PTA Car Boot Sale
18th (Mon) Y5 Meet the Teacher 2.40
19th (Tues) Y1 to Leeds Castle
Y3 Meet the Teacher 2.40
EYFS Meet the Teacher 2.30
20th (Weds) Y4 Meet the Teacher 2.40
22nd (Fri) Y6 Meet the Teacher 2.40
27th -29th (Weds – Fri) Year 5/6
residential trip

October 2017

4th (Weds) Harvest Service 1.40pm at St Mark's Church. Yrs 1 -6
18th/19th (Tues/Weds) Yr 1 – 6 Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00
20th (Fri) last day of term
30th (Mon) Back to school
30th – 3rd Nov Tours for EYFS 2018 9.30 and 11am – book at office

December 2017

7th (Thurs) EYFS Xmas Production
8th (Fri) KS1 Xmas Production
15th (Fri) Xmas Jumper Day
18th (Mon) KS2 Xmas Church Service
6pm – St Mark's Church
20th (Weds) Last day of term

January 2018

5th (Fri) children return to school

Meet the Teacher

This year we are holding Meet the Teacher sessions for each year group. These are to give parents the opportunity to meet the teacher, gather information about the curriculum, homework, expectations of work and behaviour, routines and how to help your child get the most out of this school year. You will also be able to ask the teacher questions.

School Harvest Service - We will be celebrating Harvest at 1.40 pm in the Church for **Years 1 to 6** and we warmly invite parents to join us at this celebration. As usual, the children will be walking to church after afternoon registration so please ensure that they have a coat to wear. Children will need to be **collected from the church at 2.40 pm**.

In case of bad weather we will hold the service in the school hall, please be aware this will be a last minute arrangement and parents will be informed by parentmail if there is any change. **Early Years** will be having their own special service in their class.

Class Newsletters

Staff will be sending out class newsletters during this week.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Dungate
Headteacher