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### Newsletter No 8

## The House Cup was won by Neptune

### Please don't park on the verge in Saunders Road



Please could parents be careful when they are parking that they are not damaging the verge or obstructing driveways or obscuring the view for children crossing from the school gates. Thank you!

Dear Parents, please forgive the huge type, but this message was published in the newsletter at the end of last term and seems to have been missed by one or two parents!

### Cross Country Club



Mr David Goode has kindly offered to run this club in the new year, it will continue to be held on a Thursday. Thank you very much 😊

### Kidscape - Friendship Friday – 10<sup>th</sup> November

This year we will be supporting Kidscape's Friendship Friday. This day celebrates the importance of Friendship. Children will be involved in special activities in class on this day and will be encouraged to play in different groups at playtimes.

### Headlice

Please bug bust this weekend we have had a report of visitors!

### Dates to remember

#### November 2017

- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Jolly Jam jars in
- 9<sup>th</sup> (Thu) EYFS parents evening – 3.30 – 6pm in the library
- 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Friendship Friday
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 1 phonics meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Non- Uniform day
- 28<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Y2 to Herstmonceaux
- 29<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale 3.15 in the library

#### December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Fri) cakes for fete
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sat) PTA Xmas fete 12 – 2.30
- 5<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Flu immunisations EYFS to Y4
- 7<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) EYFS Xmas Production
- 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri) KS1 Xmas Production
- 13<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale - library
- 13<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Xmas Dinner KS1 & EYFS
- 14<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Xmas Dinner KS2
- 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Xmas Jumper Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 9.10 Rock Steady Concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> (Mon) KS2 Xmas Church Service 6pm – St Mark's Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> (Weds) Last day of term


#### January 2018

- 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) children return to school

**Daily reading and Good Book certificates**

Congratulations Deal, great to see so many of you reading ☺



Class	% daily readers last week	% daily readers this week	Good Book Certificate 
Yr 1 Arundel	57	33	Ellie
Yr 1 Bodiam	52	50	Immanual
Y2 Leeds	31	30	Aarini
Y2 Pevensey	28	21	Aidan
Y3 Lewes	45	17	Aaron
<b>Y3 Deal</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Lekha</b>
Y4 Dover	45	50	Freya
Y4 Farnham	65	35	Daniel
Y5 Hever	57	51	Megan
Y6 Rochester	56	12	Rachl

**Attendance 16/10/17 – 20/10/17**

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	% whole year
EY Camber	97.7	1.5	0.8	97.7	97.0
<b>EY Windsor</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>97.8</b>
Year 1 Arundel	93.5	3.4	3.1	93.5	97.2
Year 1 Bodiam	93.3	6.7	0.0	93.3	94.2
Y2 Leeds	87.6	9.0	3.4	87.6	94.7
Y2 Pevensey	95.0	4.3	0.7	95.0	96.3
Y3 Lewes	97.5	1.7	0.8	97.5	92.3
Year 3 Deal	94.0	3.2	0.9	95.8	97.8
Y4 Dover	91.7	4.2	4.2	91.7	96.8
Y4 Farnham	97.4	2.6	0.0	97.4	97.6
Y5 Hever	91.4	3.8	4.8	91.4	95.9
Y6 Rochester	91.2	4.0	4.0	92.0	95.5
Totals	94.0	4.0	1.8	94.2	96.0

Well done Windsor you topped the table in the last week of term, a term when attendance traditionally falls!

**Attendance Xmas tree**

All children have been given an attendance Xmas tree (see attachment) we're hoping that this will help to improve attendance. They colour in a box for each day they attend. Children with the highest attendance will be put in a prize draw at the end of term

**Staffing news**

Mr Bird, Mr Fenton and Mrs White took time in the October half term to interview for a new teacher to job share with Mrs Hammond in Year 5, and they were able to make an offer which has been accepted.

Mr Bird is delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Louise White, an outstanding teacher, will be returning to St Mark's to work in year 5 on Thursdays and Fridays. For those of you who don't remember Mrs White previously worked at St Mark's in Year 6, and has since leaving us been working across KS2.

**Absent reporting**

You are welcome to email if your child will be absent, please use [office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk) NOT one of the personal staff accounts k.white@ or l.smith@ they may also be absent and the message will not get to your child's teacher. Thank you

Yours sincerely

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