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The House Cup was won by Jupiter

The weather!




To state the obvious, the weather has become wintry and cold. Please ensure that your children come to school with, a hat, warm coat, gloves/mittens and a scarf. They will still be going out at playtime.



Daily reading, Attendance and Good Book certificates



Woo hoo – go Farnham, our first 100% attendance for a while and top of the reading table too 😊

Class	% Attendance 20 th – 24 th Nov	% daily readers last week 	% daily readers this week 	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	78.1	Star of the week		Zelihah
EYFS Windsor	93.2	Star of the week		Cecily
Yr 1 Arundel	88.9	50	↑ 59	Dylan
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.8	54	↓ 50	Leo
Y2 Leeds	92.8	21	↑ 28	Libi
Y2 Pevensey	93.5	28	↓ 26	Lexi
Y3 Lewes	96.3	48	↓ 33	Bradley
Y3 Deal	99.1	41	↑ 54	Maisie
Y4 Dover	96.5	60	↑ 61	Cormac
Y4 Farnham	100.0	65	↑ 82	Ismail
Y5 Hever	89.1	43	→ 43	Whole class
Y6 Rochester	89.2	71	↓ 63	Farhan
Whole School	92.6			

Saunders Road - update

The school has reported the problem of parents parking on the verge to the borough council, as sadly there are some parents who continue to park on the verge putting other people's children at risk, despite being spoken to personally and numerous notifications in the newsletter.

We had hoped to be able to put large tree trunks on the verge to prevent this parking, but we have been advised that

'Placing anything on the highway (which includes the verge) is an offence without specific consent from KCC'

We are therefore now in the hands of KCC. We have asked that they place a small fence or bollards along the verge, and have emphasised that this request is for the safety of the children. The council have 28 days in which to let us know whether they will be able to action this or not.

In the meantime I will ask again **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE VERGE, YOU ARE PUTTING CHILDREN AT RISK BY BLOCKING SIGHT LINES.**

Holden Park After School Club

Further to Mr Bird's and Mrs White's meeting with Dan from Holden Park a parent mail went out this week regarding the possibility of Holden Park opening an After School Club here at St Mark's. We have had a number of parents who have asked for this facility over the years. Please do make sure that you send your expression of interest either to the school or to Holden Park by Friday 1st December (today!). Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their sheets. If you have not done so already, please do! And just a little reminder that should you move house, change any phone number or email address then please tell us immediately. We need to be able to get hold of you should anything happen to your child.

Year 2 cake sale - Wednesday 29th November



A big thank you to all those who cooked we raised a terrific £233.81

Yours sincerely

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Dates to remember

December 2017

- 1st (Fri) cakes for fete
 - 2nd (Sat) PTA Xmas fete 12 – 2.30
 - 5th (Tues) Flu immunisations EYFS to Y4
 - 6th (Wed) Y4 Roman Day
 - 7th (Thur) EYFS Xmas Production 10am - quiet & 2pm – children welcome
 - 8th (Fri) KS1 Xmas Production 10am – quiet & 2pm – children welcome
 - 13th (Wed) 2nd hand uniform sale - library
 - 13th (Wed) Xmas Dinner KS1 & EYFS
 - 13th (Wed) Y6 ice skating
 - 13th (Wed) 2.10 KS2 concert to parents
 - 13th (Wed) 3.05pm 2nd hand uniform sale in the library
 - 14th (Thu) Xmas Dinner KS2
 - 15th (Fri) Xmas Jumper Day
 - 15th (Fri) 9.10 Rock Steady Concert
 - 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