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This will be the last newsletter of the term.

Reading Friends

We have a number of parents who regularly come in and listen to children read, but we would really like a lot more help, parent's, governor's, aunties, uncles, grandparents all welcome. So when it comes to making a New Year's resolution, perhaps a reading session in school could be one of them 😊. If you or someone you know is able to listen to reading please call in at the school office where we can arrange a DBS check for you. Thanks.

Books, Books, Books

Any unwanted books would be gratefully received in the school, any type and any age range would be lovely. Thank you.

Christmas School Service Monday 18th 6pm at St Mark's Church

Just to remind parents that this is on Monday 18th December at 6pm at St Mark's Church, Broadwater Down. This is a key event in the life of the school. KS2 Children will be performing songs that they have been learning and EYFS and KS1 children will also be singing. Children will sit with their teacher and class. If you are not able to take your child please try to arrange alternative transport for them.

Children will need to be at church by 5.45pm.

Children will be required to wear school uniform but please note that the heating in the church is out of order and the temporary arrangements are struggling to keep the church warm. Please ensure that you and your children wrap up warmly! The order of service has been slightly shortened.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Dates to remember

December 2017

18th (Mon) Whole School- Xmas Church Service 6pm – St Mark's Church
20th (Wed) Yr3 & 4 – Assembly hall - Aladdin
20th (Wed) Last day of term

January 2018

4th (Thu) Staff back
5th (Fri) children return to school

February

1st (Thu) Young Voices concert at the O2
8th (Thu) 9.10 am Year 1 Assembly
9th (Fri) last day of term
19th (Mon) back to school

March

22nd (Thu) 9.10 am Year 2 Assembly

May

14th – 17th SATS week

Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your children's sessions for next term this term!

Daily reading, Attendance and Good Book certificates

Two classes share top attendance this week, well done Lewes and Rochester. Reading has not been quite so good this week, too many red arrows ☹️ but congratulations to Rochester for a terrific improvement and Farnham for maintaining their very high level of reading .

Class	% Attendance 4 th – 8 th Dec	% daily readers last week 	% daily readers this week	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	86.7	Star of the week		Jamie
EYFS Windsor	91.1	Star of the week		Sufyan
Yr 1Arundel	97.5	50	 54	
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.8	46	 50	
Y2 Leeds	93.1	21	 6	
Y2 Pevensey	91.2	8	 7	No assembly
Y3 Lewes	94.8	29	 19	this week due to
Y3 Deal	87.3	55	 50	Rocksteady
Y4 Dover	97	65	 65	Concert
Y4 Farnham	91.8	82	 59	
Y5 Hever	94.5	48	 40	
Y6 Rochester	95.2	87	 50	
Whole School	93.1			

Ice skating and KS2 performance

It has been a big week for KS2 with year 5 and 6 having a great time at the Calverley Park Ice Rink and the children gave some fantastic performances to a full audience in the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. A big thank you to the parents for helping with the children's lines and costumes!

Please see the picture gallery at the end of the newsletter.

Safety

Please talk to your children about being careful and looking both ways when leaving the school and crossing the road.

From Mr Dungate

It's been another great year at St Mark's and a very enjoyable and successful one! Children's progress throughout the school is excellent. Our SATs results show that for the progress that Year 6 pupils made since reception, out of the 18 Tunbridge Wells schools, St Mark's came 2nd in Maths and 4th in Writing! That's top 5% nationally for these subjects! Reading was mid-table so more to do there!

Visitors to the school continue to remark how well-behaved and polite our children are and this is always supported by people at places we visit when we are out on trips.

The staff and governors continue to work incredibly hard to secure improvement and the PTA has been wonderfully supportive and hardworking on the fund raising side of school life.

Thank you to everyone who has contribute their time and effort in order to support the life and work of our school, it is hugely appreciated.

Finally – on a personal note - I have to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time leading the school over the last six and a bit years! St Mark’s is truly a very special place and I feel privileged and blessed to have worked here amongst so many lovely children, staff, parents and governors past and present! I will always have fond memories of my time here! I am 100% confident that the school will continue to be a happy and thriving place in which to work and learn as it will be in the care of a fantastic team led by Mr Bird.

Thank you very much too for all your kind messages of best wishes and thoughtful gifts – they will be treasured (or eaten/drunk)!

On behalf of myself and all the staff and governors I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Dungate – Headteacher

Picture Gallery – Year 5 at Temper Temper



KS2 Ice Skating



KS2 Performance

The performers and spectators 😊

