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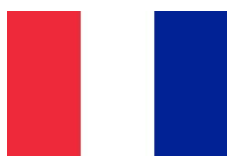


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The House Cup was won by Neptune

French students



On Thursday 1st February, we will be welcoming some French Students and their teachers to St Mark's to share the morning in school with us. The

students will be greeted in an assembly then given a tour of the school by some of our pupils. Following that, we have invited each of the French Students to bring a children's book with them to share with the different classes. In return, it would be nice if pupils of St Mark's could **bring in a favourite book or traditional tale** of theirs that they can also share with our visitors. Please do not feel you need to go and buy a book especially for this as we have plenty of books in school that the children could share.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable partnership with ISE (International Student Experiences), where we will be able to welcome new visitors to our school regularly.

Mrs Bert

NSPCC Assembly – Friday 2nd March

The NSPCC will be coming in on Friday 2nd March to deliver their Speak out. Stay Safe. programme in two assemblies, (EYFS and KS1) and (KS2). This will be followed by workshops for years 5 and 6.

Dates to remember

February

- 1st (Thu) Young Voices concert at the O2
Football match @ Speldhurst
- 2nd (Fri) EYFS visit library 6th (Tues)
2.30pm EYFS open afternoon
Safer Internet Day
- 8th (Thu) 9.10 am Year 1 Assembly
- 9th (Fri) last day of term
- 19th (Mon) back to school

March

- 2nd (Fri) NSPCC assembly and workshops
- 6th (Tue) 3.30 pm – 8 pm Parents
Evening
- 8th (Thur) 3.30 pm – 6 pm Parents
Evening
- 20th (Tue) Y2 to Drusilla's
- 22nd (Thu) 9.10 am Year 2 Assembly
- 27th (Tue) 10 am Easter Service @ St
Mark's Church
- 29th (Thu) Last day of term

April

- 16th (Mon) Back to school ☺

May

- 12th (Sat) PTA May Fayre
- 14th – 17th SATS week

June

- 30th (Sat) PTA Camp Out

We will also be undertaking a sponsored fun run (date to be confirmed) to raise money for this charity.

A letter with more details is attached to this parentmail of the programme is attached to this parentmail.

Cross Country – Feb 1st - cancelled

Thank you to Mr Goode for taking over from Mr Dungate, and doing a terrific job running this club. Mr Goode is lucky enough to have tickets to go to the Young Voices concert on Thursday Feb 1st so I am afraid that this club will be cancelled for this week only.

Drusilla's trip year 2 – 20th March

Could I just remind parents in year 2 that the permission form and voluntary contribution needs to be in by 31st January. As with all trips they will only be able to go ahead if sufficient funds have been received. Should it be necessary to cancel the trip we will email parents. If you have been unable to print the permission letter off there are some spare copies at the office.

Young Voices – Thursday Feb 1st



A letter with details of the arrangements for the day has been given to your child today, it has also been sent out by parentmail. Please make sure that the permission slip is returned asap. Thank you.

Piano Lessons

I am delighted to say that piano lessons have recommenced at St Mark's and we have a lovely lady Naomi Niblett providing the lessons on Friday mornings. She has one time slot available so if you would be interested in your child having a lesson then please email her naomi.niblett47@googlemail.com



Attendance & Reading

Leeds won attendance this week by 0.1%, well done ☺ . Punctuality was awarded to Windsor, congratulations and Farnham have yet again topped the reading table, although Rochester are

Class	% Attendance 15 th – 19 th January	% daily readers this week Top 4	Good Book Certificate
EYFS Camber	93.1		Willow
EYFS Windsor	90.4		Ethan
Yr 1 Arundel	98.9		Leo
Yr 1 Bodiam	97.3	54	Olivia
Y2 Leeds	99.3		Sofia
Y2 Pevensy	95.6		Asya
Y3 Lewes	97.1		Jasmine
Y3 Deal	93.6		Rayhan
Y4 Dover	98.7		Fathea
Y4 Farnham	98	90	Finn
Y5 Hever	98.6		Evio
Y6 Rochester	99.2	80	Henry-James
Whole School	96.6	Attendance for year 94.8% (target 95%)	

getting close and Bodiam have made their first appearance in the top 3 – WELL DONE. The majority of classes are now achieving 40%+. Thank you for taking those 5 minutes a day to read with your child, we are really seeing a big difference in reading and confidence of those children.

EYFS trip to Library Friday 2nd February

EYFS are going to Showfields library on Friday and we need a few more helpers to walk with the children. Please speak to your EYFS teacher if you are able to help. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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