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The House Cup was won by Neptune

French students

'A huge thank you to all the children at St Mark's for being so welcoming to the French students that paid us a visit yesterday. Both staff and children alike commented on how interesting it was, getting to meet children from a country whose language we all study and how proud they felt to be able to



share their learning with them. We were also greatly thanked by our visitors



as it provided a rich experience for them to see how schools in England function and all of the wonderful things we have here at our school.



Dates to remember

February

- 2nd (Fri) 2.30pm EYFS open afternoon
Safer Internet Day
- 6th (Tues) 2.30pm EYFS open afternoon
- 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

Here is a short recount from Matilda, Yr4 Dover, telling us about the morning.

'It was amazing to have French students around the school today because they were friendly and they taught us some French too. The students read us a book in French, but because we didn't understand it all, they translated it for us. It was awesome to have them around. At break time, they sang us a song in French and it was really nice. It was an enjoyable time...it was my favourite day at school!'

A special thank you to the Year 6 children who assisted in organising the students and giving them tours of the school.

Mrs Bert

Football match report – St Mark's V Speldhurst

The St Marks team: Thomas, Louis, Pax, Ben C, Keelan, Finn and Seun O, participated in a 7-a-side match against a physical Speldhurst team. Unfortunately, we missed Alfie J and Scott. We played well with Keelan and Finn getting shots on target, but their goalkeeper was at the top of his game. In the first half Ben was in goal being pummelled with powerful strikes. Thomas was doing many great challenges, but at halftime the score was 3-0 to Speldhurst. Sadly, the second half brought more saves from their keeper and more goals for them. Thomas was in goal for the second half. Speldhurst were creating many brilliant chances. Luckily, after a great team attack, Finn scored a peach of a goal. Louis was spraying passes around the pitch, Pax was defending strongly and clearing well and Seun was chasing the ball and getting down the wing. At the final whistle it was 6-1 to the almighty Speldhurst, yet the score line didn't reflect how well we played. We were very unfortunate that the final score wasn't closer.

By Louis

Young Voices – Thursday Feb 1st



The school choir joined 7972 other children to sing at the O2. They performed an amazing concert to parents and families. Stealing the show was a once in a lifetime performance singing with the lead singer from Clean Bandit!! The children did an awesome job singing songs from classical to pop.

A massive thank you to the PTA, for helping to support this trip and to Mrs Moynihan and Mrs Hammond for coming along and sharing and showing us their banging dance moves. It was a totally rocking evening and enjoyed by all.

Thank you from Toni and Sarah

School Council – Cake Sale

The school council will be holding a cake to raise money for a buddy bench. Please do come and find them and buy some cakes.

The sales will be after school

Tuesday 6th February KS2 playground

Wednesday 7th February KS1 playground

Thank you.

Parent Survey

Periodically we send out a parent survey seeking your views on the school. The new survey is attached with this email, there are also hard copies in the office if you are unable to print at home. Please do take the time to fill in the survey, we really appreciate your feedback.

Attendance & Reading

Congratulations to Camber for topping the attendance table this week, the whole school left the **celebration assembly** to their selected song Rain by the Script and the class get an extra 5 minutes of playtime 😊. Year 4 Farnham topped the reading chart again, but Year 6 are very close to beating them. It is great to see so many classes now at the 50% and above mark. Thank you.

It would be great to see all the classes on the table; it only needs to take 5 minutes. 😊

Class	% Attendance 22 nd – 26 th January	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate 	
EYFS Camber	99.2		Kian	For writing a sentence for the very first time.
EYFS Windsor	91.5		Maya	Sounding out and writing 'biscuit' all by herself
Yr 1 Arundel	95.4	70	Annabelle	Working hard and settling in at St Mark's.
Yr 1 Bodiam	98	50	Dylan	For always doing what he's been asked to do.
Y2 Leeds	96.4		Anja	For persevering in maths all week.
Y2 Pevensey	95.2		Kayleb	For taking part in maths.
Y3 Lewes	93.3	53	Angelo	For having a fantastic week at school
Y3 Deal	94.1	52	Bradley	For always having beautiful handwriting
Y4 Dover	97	50	Mohammad	For interacting maturely and politely with our French visitors
Y4 Farnham	93.5	80	Oscar	For always trying his best in all subjects
Y5 Hever	97.7		Sebastian	For his excellent work during assessments this week
Y6 Rochester	96	75	Emily	For giving an outstanding tour to the French students
Whole School	95.7	Attendance for year 94.9% (target 95%)		

Celebration Assembly

Celebration assembly is a time on Friday when the whole school gets together to celebrate children's achievements both inside and outside of school. The assembly is led by the School Council, with certificates and awards presented by Mr Bird or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We also share other information about other aspects of school life, such as match reports, updates on initiatives e.g. the Eco-Awards, and performances e.g. the school choir.

The presentation includes the Good Book certificates, House point certificates, Attendance Ted, Punctuality Pup, Reading Rabbit and the House point trophy. We also present awards for achievements outside of school e.g. Dance, Karate, etc.

If your child has an achievement that they would like to share with their class or the whole school, please do encourage them to bring the certificate or award in, as we would love to share these.

Yours sincerely

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