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The House Cup was won by Saturn

Second hand uniform sale

The next sale will be in the library from 3pm on Wednesday 21st March. Please do come along and have a look. If you have any larger sized sweatshirts etc, that your child no longer wears please do bring these into school by the Friday 16th March. Thank you!

Caterlink summer menu

The menu for the summer term is now available and attached to this parentmail. Copies will also be displayed in the school notice boards.

Salsatone

Yanina is starting up her classes again, this time on a Friday, please see the attached flier.

NSPCC

We had a great day last Friday running around the playground, luckily the weather was fine. Most of the younger children managed to complete the mile, whilst dancing at various stations. Some of the year 6 children completed a fantastic 5 miles!

Please do make sure that you send your sponsor money in with your child by Wednesday 21st March. Thank you, and thank you also for all your support and for dressing the children so brightly.

Rocksteady Concert

Just a reminder for parents whose children attend Rocksteady that their Easter Concert is being held at 9.30 am on Friday 23rd March. Please do come along and listen.

Dates to remember

March

- 20th (Tue) Y2 to Drusilla's
- 21st (Wed) Second hand uniform sale
- 22nd (Thu) 9.10 am Year 2 Assembly
- EYFS to Trinity Theatre
3.05 – 4.30pm PTA Disco y 1 & 2
- 27th (Tue) 10 am Easter Service @ St Mark's Church
- 29th (Thu) Last day of term

April

- 16th (Mon) Back to school ☺
- 30th (Mon) EYFS height, weight, hearing and vision screening

May

- 1st (Mon) EYFS height, weight, hearing and vision screening
- 4th (Fri) PTA bring a bottle
- 12th (Sat) PTA May Fayre
- 14th – 17th SATS week
- 23rd (Wed) Second hand uniform sale
- 25th (Fri) last day of term

June

- 5th (Tues) children back to school
- 13th (Wed) Yr 6 to Rochester
- 26th (Tues) Sports Day am – KS1, pm KS2
- 30th (Sat) PTA Camp Out

July

- 4th (Weds) reserve sports day
- 5th (Thurs) Y3 to Wakehurst Place
- 17th (Tues) 10 am leavers service at St Mark's Church
- 20th (Fri) Last day of term for children

September

- 4th (Tues) First day of new term

Winter Olympics torch on display



We were very fortunate last week that one of our parents brought in a torch from the Winter Olympics. The children watched a powerpoint presentation about it and were able to see and touch it. Thank you, very much.

The Olympic torch was first introduced into our Modern Olympics at the 1928 Amsterdam Games. Since then, the flame has come to symbolize "the **light of spirit, knowledge**, and life." The Torch Relay also began in the Ancient Olympics and was revived at the 1936 Berlin Games.

Travel Survey

Firstly, thank you so much to all the parents who responded to the survey, and secondly apologies to those of you who tried and have been unable to access it. We hoping to be able to reopen the survey, but failing that a paper copy of the questionnaire is available from the school office, and is also attached to this parentmail.

Attendance, Reading and the Good Book

What a super attendance week, we nearly got a 100%, which we haven't seen for a while. Congratulations to Year 1 Arundel who received Attendance Ted this week. Punctuality Pup went to Early Years Camber, well done to them, and thank you to all parents re punctuality, we have seen a huge improvement.

Reading – Year 4 Farnham, really are the ones to beat, they repeatedly come top of the reading chart, well done Farnham, and well done Mr Barringer.

Class	% Attendance Mar 5 th – 9 th	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate 	
EYFS Camber	97.3	65	Alexsander	For changing for PE all by himself!
EYFS Windsor	97.4		Nancy & Tommy	For working co-operatively and creatively when making astronaut costumes
Yr 1 Arundel	99.6	53	Harry	Working hard in all his learning
Yr 1 Bodiam	98.3		Molly	For being delightful
Y2 Leeds	96.8		Demi	For some fantastic explaining in maths
Y2 Pevensey	94		Lara	For outstanding story writing
Y3 Lewes	99		Bailey	For his fantastic reasoning skills in maths
Y3 Deal	96.4		Ibrahim	For excellent participation in science this week
Y4 Dover	98.7	50	Alfie	For developing ideas for an exciting, magical adventure story
Y4 Farnham	87.7	72	Zachary	For super dedication to his reading at home.
Y5 Hever	93.6		Sofia	For preparing and confidently presenting a simple conversation en francais!
Y6 Rochester	98.4	68	Jamie	For an outstanding play script
Whole School	96.6		Attendance for year 94.7% (target 95%)	

Getting Active

If you wish to get more active with your children please use the following link to access the site we subscribe to and parents are also welcome to use.

<http://www.cyber-smart.co.uk> To login you will need the office email address office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk and the password is tn48ln



British Science week

It's British science week this week.

The theme for this year's British Science and Engineering Week poster competition is 'exploration and discovery'.

We'd love you to get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual poster competition, on the theme of exploration and discovery.

You can make your poster about anything involving exploration and discovery, including work of famous scientists, theories, expeditions and adventures. The five best posters from the school will be entered into the UK-wide competition with the **chance for students to win an array of prizes**.

Posters need to be brought into school, with your child's name and class on the back by Thursday 29th March. Class teachers will then pass them on to Mrs Bert for judging and sending off. Good luck to you all!

No Netball Club – Thursday 22nd March

Just a reminder that we have a netball match at Bishop's Down on Thursday so I am afraid that last night's club was the last one of the term as all staff run clubs end Friday 23rd March. It has been a real pleasure running the club and I look forward to working with the children again in September.

XTB Club

XTB is an interactive chance to eXplore The Bible after school. The club starts with a fun game that we play as a group and then we enjoy eating biscuits and drinking squash together. We then spend some time learning more about God from the Bible through drama, story-telling, games, puzzles and crafts. The club runs every **Tuesday** after school from 3:15 to 4:15 PM. Please see the attached flyer.

Do4Kidz and Boogie Tots Dance Club

Chloe has already let all current members of the dance club know that from next term the club will be held on a Wednesday, rather than Friday and that she will be teaching the class 😊. All students who currently attend are guaranteed a place.

If you would like a place for your child please call Chloe on 01892 521778 or 07957 769550, as it may be that a place becomes available.

ISE – student hosting

Please see the attached flyer with details of hosting opportunities.

Yours sincerely

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