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The House Cup was won by Mercury

Power Up to Recycling – Battery challenge

Thanks to all of you who have been sending your used batteries into school.

This year we received a £20 voucher to be used against curriculum supplies. We fell into the 51 – 100 kg collected bracket, you get £50 if you move into the next one – so please do keep sending them in!

Overall the 95 Kent schools who registered for the challenge collected nearly 3.5 tonnes of batteries, hopefully this can be beaten next year.

Cash at the office

We are trying to reduce the amount of cash that comes into the office on a daily basis; one of our biggest cash payment items is breakfast club. It would be really helpful if parents would use parentmail to make these payments. At the moment the system is set up to allow all parents to make a payment for this club up until the end of this term. Unfortunately, dates cannot be specified. Please drop a line to k.white@st-marks.kent.sch.uk to confirm the days. Thank you.

It would also help if parents were able to pay for a term at a time for Henry's football and invasion games – there is a discount if you do 😊

Parent Rep Meeting

Thank you very much for all of the suggestions that you made at this meeting which were very helpful. I will arrange another meeting for next term and let you know the date in due course.

Dates to remember

May

- 12th (Sat) PTA May Fayre
- 14th (Mon) EYFS Didgeridoo
- 14th (Mon) Y3/4 tennis competition at St Gregs
- 15th Y4 Natural History Museum
- 15th Play Place After School Club open afternoon – details to follow.
- 14th – 17th SATS week
- 17th Census Day - Special Menu 😊 - details will be sent out.
- 18th Special Menu – royal wedding – details will be sent out.
- 23rd (Wed) Second hand uniform sale
- 24th (Thur) 9.10 Yr 4 class assembly
- 25th (Fri) yr 4 & 5 St Gregory's roadshow
- 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

July

- 4th (Weds) reserve sports day
- 5th (Thurs) Y3 to Wakehurst Place
- 12th (Thur) EYFS Class assembly
- 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 for children

Cool milk

A little bit about cool milk

Cool Milk at School Ltd works in partnership with local authorities to supply free and subsidised milk for children in primary, infant, junior and special schools. The scheme includes:

- Free milk for under-fives
- Subsidised milk for children aged 5 – 11 years
- Collection of monies from parents.

Once your child become 5 free milk is **no longer provided** , should you wish for them to continue having milk please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/schools/> where you will be able to register your child and pay for their milk. Please note that it can take a week from registration to the milk being delivered.

SATS week has arrived! Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May

Breakfast club All year 6 children are invited to have breakfast in the school hall from 7.45 am to 8.20 am. This means that the arrangements for all the children for breakfast club will change. Please use the ramp entrance to the hall where the club will be held. Thank you.


If your year 6 child is unable to make breakfast club then please do ensure that they are in school promptly. Thank you.

PESE and SRE meeting

Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting this week, if you were unable to attend then your child should have brought home a leaflet about the kent test and other key dates for transition to secondary school. If you don't have it, please ask your child or search their rucksack!

Attendance, Reading and the Good Book

Two classes with 100% this week, congratulations to Windsor and Pevensey. Windsor were awarded Attendance Ted as they also had no lates 😊, Pevensey were awarded Punctuality Pup, overall a good week for all, with all but one class above the 95% target.

Class	% Attendance Apr 30th – May 4th	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate	
EYFS Camber	97.7	66	Ella – for writing her name	
EYFS Windsor	100		Ayesha – for being an eager reader and writer	
Yr 1 Arundel	98.1		Sheriece – for working hard on her writing	
Yr 1 Bodiam	99.3		Nyah – for great writing about the Lighthouse Keepers Lunch	
Y2 Leeds	95.9		India – for being a super star all week	
Y2 Pevensey	100		Alec – for super story writing	
Y3 Lewes	93.3		Jacob – for his outstanding effort in English and spellings	
Y3 Deal	98.2	61	Jack – for his continued progress and confidence in reading	
Y4 Dover	95.7		Alfie – for fantastic writing about characters from a book	
Y4 Farnham	98.2	91	Whole class for achieving 100% in both attendance and reading at home last week	
Y5 Hever	97.3	50	Gaby – for being a resilient hard working member of our class	
Y6 Rochester	92.4	72	Mariah – for some great problem solving	
Whole School	96.9		Attendance for year 94.8% (target 95%)	

School Photos

The group school photos have just arrived in the school office and will be sent home with your children today. Instructions as to how to purchase are with the photos, please read and return to the office by Wednesday 23rd May. Thank you.

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