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The House Cup was won by Jupiter



Photo Consent form

New GDPR regulations mean that we need to ask you to re-sign your photo permission form for your child(ren). A form has been issued on parentmail which we would be grateful if you would complete asap. Thank you.

Parent Helpers please – swimming

We are looking for parents to come on the swimming bus and help with the supervision of the children on the bus and at the pool. We just need one parent per session. The coach leaves the school at 1.15 pm and returns to the school 2.40 pm. If you would be able to help please drop into the school office, where there will be a sign up sheet. You will need to have a DBS clearance. Thank you.

Packed lunches

Parents sometimes ask what should be in a packed lunch, please visit the website below which is the official government guidance

<http://www.healthylunch.org.uk/government/>

As a school we support this policy, BUT, we also have a no nuts policy as we have children within the school with severe allergies.

Healthy Snacks

The infant children are provided with a healthy snack during their morning break, KS2 children are also welcome to bring something healthy to eat at playtime(e.g. fruit).

Year 2 – Topic Day – Thursday 24th May



Following on from our exciting Kenya topic we would like to confirm that we will be holding our end of term topic day on Thursday 24th May. If the children would like to come dressed as an African animal or in red to represent the Maasai Mara people we have been learning about that would be great.

We would also like to extend an invitation to parents to come from 2.45pm that day to see what we have been learning.

Dates to remember

May

- 18th Special Menu – royal wedding – details will be sent out.
- 23rd (Wed) Second hand uniform sale
- 24th (Thur) 9.10 Yr 4 class assembly
- 24th (Thur) 2.45 Yr 2 Topic Day
- 25th (Fri) yr 4 & 5 St Gregory's roadshow
- 25th (Fri) EYFS Down Under Day
- 25th (Fri) last day of term

June

- 5th (Tues) children back to school
- 13th (Wed) Yr 6 to Rochester
- 19th (Tues) EYFS Spring Barn Farm
- 26th (Tues) Sports Day am – KS1, pm KS2
- 29th (Fri) Y5 & 6 Kent police open day
- 30th (Sat) 7.30 – 11.30 St Mark's Fest

July

- 4th (Weds) reserve sports day
- 5th (Thurs) Y3 to Wakehurst Place
- 10th (Tues) Junior disco
- 12th (Thur) EYFS Class assembly
- 17th (Tues) 10 am leavers service at St Mark's Church
- 17th (Tues) Yr 6 leavers BBQ 3.15 – 5pm
- 20th (Fri) Last day of term for children

September

- 4th (Tues) First day of new term for

EYFS - Topic Day – Friday 25th May

EYFS are having a 'Down Under Day' following on from their Australia topic work. The children can come dressed in clothes inspired by Australia – think shorts, t shirts, cork hats or full on Crocodile Dundee for the brave! We would love parents to come in to see what the children have been learning this term at 2:30 in classrooms.



Didgeridoo day

As part of their topic on Australia the Early Years classes took part in a didgeridoo workshop. Paul, their instructor, gave a fantastic demonstration of the different sounds and effects the instrument can make. The children showed off their amazing knowledge of all things Australian when discussing the Aboriginal people who would have played didgeridoos as part of their storytelling. They then had a chance to test out the instrument for themselves, with much blowing, puffing and a certain amount of spitting, they made beautiful, beautiful music!



EYFS Parent helpers – Reading

We would absolutely love it if there were any parents who could come in and listen to EYFS children read. As a parent helper it will probably be easiest either after drop off or before collecting. You don't need to be an EYFS parent to come and help, but you do need a DBS check. If you are interested please talk to one of the EYFS teachers or drop into the school office. Thank you.

School Photos

Don't forget that the school photos need to be back by Wednesday 23rd May. Please put the correct money in your envelope, as we become increasingly cashless we are unable to help out!

Year 1 – what we have been learning



Year 1 learnt all about halving by (carefully!) cutting all sorts of food into halves. We talked about different ways objects could be halved before enjoying some of the fruits and vegetables we had been using!




St Mark's Fest

The PTA would like to invite you to come and celebrate the end of the academic year on the evening of Saturday 30th June for St Marks fest. Local band the 38s will be playing a mixture of popular songs through the decades. The evening will promise not to be a disappointment with festival bbq, a discounted bar and live music. It is a perfect way to end the year in style with your friends and family.

Tickets available from the office as of next week. Please see attached for the poster with more details. Look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance, Reading and the Good Book

Two classes with 100 % attendance, CONGRATULATIONS ☺, and the whole school above the 95% target, so a great week. Year 6 won Punctuality Pup for their amazing efforts during SAT's week.

Class	% Attendance May 8 th – 11 th	Daily readers 50% and above ☺	Good Book Certificate	
EYFS Camber	99.5	62	Oscar – for writing his first sentence today	
EYFS Windsor	93.5		Martin – being a sensible walker on our library trip	
Yr 1 Arundel	100	83.	Arthur – for super effort with this writing	
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.7	57	Erin – for great improvements in her reading	
Y2 Leeds	89.8		Aaron – for fantastic effort in his writing this week	
Y2 Pevensy	93.2	83	Bethany – fantastic writing	
Y3 Lewes	91.7	60	Eevie – for trying her best in everything this week	
Y3 Deal	98.8	81	Rosie- always giving 100%	
Y4 Dover	95.7		Aimee – for participating in maths lessons confidently	
Y4 Farnham	100	77	Dean – for his excellent behaviour and superb interaction on the school trip	
Y5 Hever	98.9		Pax – for his amazing French conversation	
Y6 Rochester	94.5		All Year 6 – for outstanding effort in their SAT's tests	
Whole School	96		Attendance for year 94.8% (target 95%)	

Do4kidz

Congratulations to the following children who were also awarded certificates during assembly for their achievements in dance:

Lily-Anne, Ana, Anja, Rosie, Summer, Brooke, Lucia and Isabel!

Choir – update

As many of you will be aware Toni and Sarah will be working for PlayPlace at the After School Club (date of opening to be confirmed). This meant that they could no longer run choir on a Wednesday and so they have kindly offered to continue with the club in term 6 on a Saturday.

The number of children able to attend Saturdays has been low, however, the children are very keen to hold the concert at the end of term that Toni and Sarah have prepared. **Mrs Moynihan** has therefore kindly agreed to run the choir on Wednesdays as before 3.15 – 4.15 in Pevensy class. We are hoping that all the children who currently attend will be able to continue doing so.

Natural History museum – just to let you know what we did

The year 4 children had a fantastic time at the Natural History Museum this week. They had the opportunity to attend a hands-on workshop to explore natural specimens using lots of different equipment and scientific discovery. The children enjoyed seeing the many different areas of the museum and have all said how much they enjoyed it. A big thank you to the parent helpers and to the children for being so well behaved and representing the school perfectly.



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