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The House Cup was won by Neptune



Flowers

Children have been picking them ☹️. Please could you mention to you children that the flowers are there for all to enjoy and so best not picked!

St Mark's got Talent – Tuesday 17th July 6.30pm

We have had a lots of entries from the children for this fabulous PTA fund raising event. Please put it in your diaries.

The children have auditions in the mini hall on Monday 25th June, so that gives them the weekend to polish up their acts ☺️

Sports Day details

Weather permitting sports day this year for all children will be held on Tuesday 26th June. The forecast at the moment is sun and light cloud 24 degrees. So please make sure that children (and adults) come with sun tan lotion already applied, a hat and bottles of water.

EYFS/KS1

Their sports day starts at 9.30 am, parents are welcome to make their way to the back field once they have dropped off. There will be a parent viewing area marked out, so please make yourself comfortable within that area.

KS2

Parents are invited to arrive from 1.05 pm. Please make your way to the back field across the junior playground, rather than coming into the school office.

The events will start at 1.20, and all events will be finished by 3pm when the presentations will be made.

We look forward to seeing as many as you as possible at the event.

Dates to remember

June

- 25th (Mon) St Mark's got talent auditions
- 26th (Tues) Sports Day am – EYFS/KS1, pm KS2
- 27th (Wed) 2 pm Y6 dress rehearsal – pre-school children welcome
- 27th (Wed) 1 pm RNLI visit Year 1
- 28th (Thur) EYFS Sept 18 sessions
- 29th (Fri) Y5 & 6 Kent police open day
- 30th (Sat) 7.30 – 11.30 St Mark's Fest

July

- 2nd (Mon) Skinners Kent Academy Day – Yr 5
- 3th (Tues) Yr 6 show 9.30am or 6pm (adults only)
- 4th (Weds) reserve sports day
- 5th (Thu) Y3 to Wakehurst Place
- 5th (Thu) Y6 Visit to Mosque
- 10th (Tues) Junior disco
- 11th (Wed) Y4 Viking Day
- 12th (Thur) EYFS Class assembly 9.10
- 12th (Thur) Class swap day
- 13th (Fri) school reports go out
- 13th (Fri) 10am Rocksteady Assembly
- 17th (Tues) 10 am leavers service at St Mark's Church
- 17th (Tues) Yr 6 leavers BBQ 3.15 – 5pm
- 17th (Tues) St Mark's got talent 6pm
- 18th (Wed) Karate taster sessions pm
- 20th (Fri) Last day of term for children

September

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

New member of staff

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Miss Frances Saunders will be joining the office staff on 28th June. Frances will be working Thursday and Friday.

Volunteering at St Mark's

We are always looking for parents who could come in and help at school. Here is a little summary from a parent who volunteers in year 2 – maths.

I have been volunteering in Year 2 for almost two years, I spend about an hour and half each week working with some of the children to improve their comprehension of the maths subjects they have been covering recently or are continuing to struggle with.

It is an immensely rewarding experience, not only helping individuals improve in particular areas but helping the children enjoy learning and most importantly see maths as fun not a daunting, scary subject.

I would recommend anyone who has even a small amount of time to come and volunteer at the school, it not only benefits the children but I have found it puts a different perspective on my life and my own stresses and strains!

Hopefully, having read this you will see how rewarding it can be. If you are interested then please drop in at the office. You will need a DBS certificate to help.

Cricket Tournament

Some of the KS2 children attended a cricket festival this week. In both the year 3/4 tournament and the year 5/6 tournament, the children were able to use the cricket skills they



have learnt with Trevor



over the last couple of terms. They performed brilliantly and worked excellently as a team. Well done to all the children for representing the school so well.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support the children and help.

French student visit



On Wednesday this week, we welcomed our final set of French Students for this academic year. Thank you so much to all the children for their efforts in welcoming and entertaining our visitors throughout the morning - it really is appreciated and they get so much from it!


They kept busy by playing games, writing funny stories and taking part in some maths activities.


If any families are interested in hosting students in the future, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Bert for details.

Attendance, Reading and the Good Book for the weeks beginning 4th and 11th June

A good attendance week overall for the 4th, with the whole school attendance above 95% (just!), but sadly dipping below for the 11th. Congratulations to Year 5 Hever, and Year 1 Arundel who topped the attendance tables and to all the children who were in the good book.

Reading percentages are beginning to drop, so please could we have a final push with reading to the end of term. Thank you.

Class	% Attendance June 4 th – 25 th	Daily readers 50% and above ☺	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	98.1	54	Xena – for always astounding us with her creativity!
EYFS Windsor	93.1		Isabella – persevering when tying the tail on her kite
Yr 1 Arundel	95.8	63	Emily – for such a positive attitude towards her learning
Yr 1 Bodiam	97.9		Woody – trying really hard in phonics this week
Y2 Leeds	94		Eban – for his excellent progress in reading
Y2 Pevensey	89.6		Jack – excellent maths work
Y3 Lewes	96.4	52	Joshua – for trying his best in all his subjects
Y3 Deal	97.6	85	Georgi – for his fantastic reading this week
Y4 Dover	91.3	50	Sueventhan – for always showing enthusiasm in his learning
Y4 Farnham	95.5	86	James – for trying his hardest in everything he does and doing it with a smile
Y5 Hever	98.9		Tommy – for writing a great French story
Y6 Rochester	93		George – for learning his lines incredibly quickly
Whole School	95.1		Attendance for year 94.9% (target 95%)

Class	% Attendance June 11 th – 15 th	Daily readers 50% and above ☺	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	95.4	62	Esmee- for creating her own fact book
EYFS Windsor	96.3		Tristan – for wonderful behaviour and good listening on our trip
Yr 1 Arundel	97.4		Alija – for great participation in class discussion
Yr 1 Bodiam	97.3		Maya – for always trying her best
Y2 Leeds	97		Erin – for writing about the life cycle of a penguin
Y2 Pevensey	92.9		Lyla – For working hard in class
Y3 Lewes	96.7	89	Katie – for always being a ray of sunshine
Y3 Deal	90	79	Lucas – for his fantastic handwriting
Y4 Dover	88.7	52	Fathea – for writing a fantastic text all about Iceland
Y4 Farnham	94.1		Brandon – for his fantastic work with angles and shapes this week
Y5 Hever	93		Abi – for excellent maths reasoning work
Y6 Rochester	96		Jay – for an outstanding work ethic
Whole School	94.8		Attendance for year 94.9% (target 95%)

Help the Heroes Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Thursday 5th July for this great charity. All contributions would be welcome.

Cross Country Club

Just a little housekeeping note, could parents pick their children up from the entrance of the year5/6 block.

Yours sincerely – Mr S Bird - Headteacher