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The House Cup was won by Jupiter



Class moves

As we approach the end of the school year we are looking forward to the next. We have given a lot of thought to the children's transition from one year to the next. Please see below the class moves for next year.

Current class	New Class	Teacher (s)
EYFS Camber	Yr 1 Bodiam	Mrs Ennis (Mon- Weds) Mrs Speight (Thurs – Fri)
EYFS Windsor	Yr 1 Arundel	Miss Porter
Yr 1 Arundel	Yr 2 Leeds	Mrs Davis (Mon – Tues), Mrs Kington (Wed – Fri)
Yr 1 Bodiam	Yr 2 Pevensey	Miss Wignall
Yr 2 Leeds	Yr 3 Lewes	Mrs Haynes
Yr 2 Pevensey	Yr 3 Deal	Miss Bennett
Yr 3 Deal	Yr4 Farnham	Mr Barringer
Yr 3 Lewes	Yr4 Dover	Mrs Bert
Yr4 Dover	Yr5 Hever	Mrs Hammond
Yr4 Farnham	Yr5 Lullingstone	Mrs Blake (Mon – Weds), Mrs White (Thurs – Fri)
Yr5 Hever	Yr 6 Rochester	Mr Fenton

The staff have already met to discuss the transition and the needs of your individual children. The children will be visiting their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers on Thursday 12th July, except for Yr4 Dover, which will have their class transition on Monday 16th July.

Spring Barn Farm Report

Early Years had a great time on their trip to Spring Barn Farm. The children saw lots of different



animals including some cheeky chipmunks, some diddy ducklings and a tired tortoise (he slept the whole time!). They learned lots about how animals help us and the food and other products they provide us with. The children had time to enjoy the play area and have a go on some superfast slides - even the



teachers couldn't resist having a go! To find out more about our trip, Early Years parents are invited to our assembly on Thursday 12th July.

Dates to remember

July

10th (Tues) Junior disco 3.15pm – 4.30 pm
Y3+4, 4.45pm – 6pm Y5+6
11th (Wed) Y4 Viking Day
11th – 17th (Wed – Tues) 3.05pm – 6pm
Play Place taster sessions
12th (Thur) EYFS Class assembly 9.10
12th (Thur) Class swap day (except Y4D)
13th (Fri) school reports go out
13th (Fri) 10am Rocksteady Assembly
16th (Mon) Class swap day Y4D
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) Y6 to Temper, Temper am
20th (Fri) Last day of term for children

September

4th (Tues) First day of new term for children
6th (Thurs) EYFS start mornings 8.55am – 11.45am

Help for Heroes Cake sale

Just to say a big thank you to Toni and Sarah for arranging the cake sale yesterday and to all of you who supported this event either through providing cakes or buying them. A terrific £125.02 was raised. 😊

Dinner money – up to date

As we get closer to the end of term, could we please ask that all dinner money payments are up to date. For those of you who have children leaving the school this year a parentmail will be going out shortly telling you how to reclaim any credit balance that you may have. Thank you.

Harp lessons

Harp lessons available to all years from September. £27.50/month for individual lessons or £13.75/month for shared or half lessons for Infants. Lessons also available in some secondary schools so if children in Year 6 are interested, please get in touch. There is no need to have an instrument at home. Please contact Nikki plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk

A message from Mrs Kington

In September I am doing the shine marathon for Leukemia research. Cancer affects many people but has hit a little closer to home for me with my father being diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. It is not curable. (Someday I hope it will be)

I would like to raise as much money and awareness and would appreciate any sponsors. If you would like to sponsor me by hand please put your donation into an envelope with your name and address on it, alternatively you can read a little more and sponsor online following this link. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ambers-giving-page-119>.

Mrs Kington

Green flag

The school are so proud that we have achieved the Eco-Schools green flag award. We hope to have the flag proudly flying from a flag pole at the beginning of next term.



Attendance, Reading and the Good Book for the week beginning June 25th to 29th.

What an excellent week from Farnham 100%. Sadly, though the whole school attendance of 95% has dipped to 94.8% and it is unlikely that we will recover in the two weeks left of term due to known holiday requests ☹️

Class	% Attendance June 25 th - 29 th	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	97.3		Jamie – for joining in with carpet sessions.
EYFS Windsor	96.3		Chloe – for improved listening and behaviour during learning times.
Yr 1 Arundel	96.6		Douglas – for settling in well at St Mark’s.
Yr 1 Bodiam	92		Paige – for being a good friend
Y2 Leeds	93.3		Ashley – for trying really hard with his handwriting.
Y2 Pevensey	96		Diyath – for super RE work.
Y3 Lewes	97.6		Kira – for being a fantastic scientist on our school trip.
Y3 Deal	96.7	86	Maisie – for always being a superstar!
Y4 Dover	92.6		Megan – for writing a fantastic detailed Viking story.
Y4 Farnham	100		Kashish – for trying her hardest in all subjects.
Y5 Hever	96.4		Emily –for fantastic work in RE this week.
Y6 Rochester	92		George – for some excellent contributions at the Mosque.
Whole School	95.4	Attendance for year 94.8% (target 95%)	

St Mark’s C of E Primary School is FIRST CLASS!

On Monday the 2nd of July Abby, Izzy, Ben, Thomas, Mahhith and Farhan went to Claremont Primary School to compete in the FIRST CLASS competition. The FIRST CLASS competition is made



up of four teams of 6 from different school across the county. We took part in 6 quizzes; all different subjects (history, maths, English, science, memory and general knowledge) and we got scored on how well we did on each round. The team with the highest score at the end of all 6 rounds win.

We ended up winning all the rounds except one but in the one we lost we came second. In the end we drew with Langton green so we had to answer a tie-break question. We were closest to the answer so we won, Langton Green came second, Speldhurst came third and Claremont came fourth.

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We had so much fun and it was definitely worth the work in the end. - Abby

Yours sincerely

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