



St Mark's C E Primary School

7th September 2018

Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to welcome you back to the new school year. Your children have all settled into their new classes very well and have been very busy in their classes.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to our new members of teaching staff:-

Mrs Kate Davies – Year 2 Leeds
Miss Emma Wignall – Year 2 Pevensey
Mrs Kat Ennis – Year 1 Bodiam
Mrs Erica Blake – Year 5 Lullingstone.

And to our new teaching assistant's:-

Mr David Goode, Mrs Helen Bamford, Mrs Liz Lloyd, Mrs Nicola Brookes.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to Mrs Becky Vale-Taylor who is expecting her first baby in February. (Please rest assured that we are already looking at the staffing for EYFS Camber).

School Grounds

I hope that you will agree that these are looking lovely – a HUGE thank you to Toni, Sarah and Jamie who have spent a lot of their summer break making them look so good.

School Clubs

The clubs list has now gone out, please make sure you return your form to the school office if you wish your child to attend. Clubs start next week. Could I also at this time ask you to make sure that you pick your child(ren) up on time.

Dates for your diary

Please do keep an eye on this as items are added to it most weeks as new events are planned. We are trying to give you as much notice as possible to allow parents to plan their diaries. More details/letters will go out on parentmail in due course.

Dates to remember

September

11th (Tue) 2.45pm Yr1 meet the teacher

12th (Tue) 2.30pm Yr2 meet the teacher

18th (Tue) 2.30pm EYFS meet the teacher

19th (Wed) Yr4 to Hargate Forest

26th (Wed) EYFS to Hargate Forest

27th (Thur) EYFS to Hargate Forest

28th (Fri) MacMillan coffee morning

October

4th (Thu) Yr1 Phonics meeting

9th (Tue) EYFS to Sainsbury's

9th (Tue) 3.30 – 7.30pm Parents Evening

10th (Wed) EYFS to Sainsbury's

11th (Thur) 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Eveing

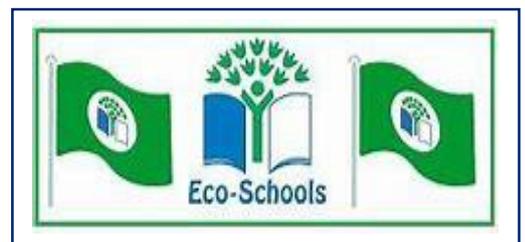
11th (Thur) 7.45pm PTA meeting

18th (Thur) Individual and sibling school photo's from 8am

18th (Thur) 9.10 Yr 6 assembly

19th (Fri) Last day of term

29th (Mon) Return to school



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Attendance & Reading

This year we will be continuing with the Punctuality Pup and Attendance Ted reward schemes whereby the winning class gets extra play. We now have a new reading reward scheme I hope will inspire all the children to read more. Details to follow.

Class	Attendance	Good Book Certificate 	
Yr 1 Arundel	Let's try and beat last year's attendance. We finished the year on 94.8% Our target is 96%	Finley S	For always listening and being polite.
Yr 1 Bodiam		Nye	For always working hard.
Y2 Leeds		Sheriece	For a super, super week! Well done
Y2 Pevensey		Ziva	For being so helpful in the classroom
Y3 Lewes		Liam	For having a fantastic first week in school.
Y3 Deal		Christian	For having a fantastic first week at St Marks!
Y4 Dover		Daniel	For settling in well and always making a positive contribution.
Y4 Farnham		Fahima	For a fantastic first week and always trying her best.
Y5 Hever		River	For settling in well into Hever Class.
Y5 Lullington		Sienna	For a fantastic first week.
Y6 Rochester		Emily	For an outstanding start to year 6.

Swimming

This year we are trialling a new way of organising swimming. In discussion with the leisure centre we have arranged for two classes to go for the first three terms of the year, with the other two classes going in terms 4,5 and 6. We believe that this way the children will make more rapid progress.

The classes going in Term 1 – 3 are Year 3 Lewes and Year 4 Dover. There will be 5 swimming teachers, the children will be assessed at the first session and put into appropriate groups. The national curriculum requires all children to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year 6, we are hoping that the children will achieve this by the end of year 4!

Children will also be entered into the ASA swimming scheme

<http://www.swimming.org/learntoswim/asa-learn-to-swim-awards-1-7/>

A letter will be sent out early next week by parentmail with more details.



Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher