



# St Mark's C E Primary School

## 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

### Newsletter No 3

#### Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest festival is being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at St Mark's Church for years 1 to 6 at 10am.

As always we would welcome gifts of tinned goods which are sent to St Augustine's food store. This year they have asked that the tinned goods should be meat, vegetables other than baked beans, and fruit. All preferably with more than 6 months "use-by" date'.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the service with us.

#### Parent Rep Meeting

The next meeting of parent reps will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am.

#### New chicken run



A parent has very kindly donated an 'eglu' to the school. Please ensure that your children do not lean on it or on the fencing as one or the other may collapse/be damaged and your child(ren) may get hurt. Thank you.

#### Leeds Castle trip – year 1

Please look out for details of this trip on parentmail along with the permission and payment facilities. It should be a fantastic day ☺

#### Early Pick ups

Could any parent picking their children up early come to the school office. Please **do not** knock on the school external doors, it is very awkward for the children who know that they are not allowed to let you in, however much you are waving or smiling!

#### Play equipment and banks

Please do not let your children go on the play equipment or run up and down the banks at the end of the school day. This is for the safety of your children. Thank you.

#### **Dates to remember**

##### September

**26<sup>th</sup> (Wed) EYFS to Hargate Forest**

**27<sup>th</sup> (Thur) EYFS to Hargate Forest**

**28<sup>th</sup> (Fri)**

- **Yr1 Knights and Princesses list**
- **MacMillan coffee morning**

##### October

**4<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Yr1 Phonics meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup> (Tue)**

- **9.15 parent rep meeting**
- **EYFS Windsor to Sains**
- **8.45am Yr 1 To Leeds castle**
- **3.30 – 7.30pm Parents Evening (yr1 – 6)**

**10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 10am Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church Yr1 – 6**

**11<sup>th</sup> (Thur)**

- **EYFS Camber to Sainsbury's**
- **3.30 – 5.30 pm Parent Evening (yr1 – 6)**
- **7.45pm PTA meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> (Thur)**

- **Individual and sibling school photo's from 8am**
- **9.10 Yr 6 Assembly**
- **2.45 pm Topic Day, book look for parents Y2**

**19<sup>th</sup> (Fri)**

- **2.30 EYFS teddy bears picnic**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM**

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 Farnham, with 100% attendance. Last year Y4F was the top class for attendance, it looks like they might win this accolade again 😊.

Lots of classes had no 'lates' this week – thank you. Punctuality pup was awarded to Year 1 Bodiam.

But on a less positive note whole school attendance has already fallen to 96.9%, with only 3 weeks of term gone. We are aiming for 96% at the end of the school year.

We do understand that children fall ill and that holidays are cheaper outside of school time, but we would ask that you do bring your children into school as much as you can, after all, it's not only the school's attendance figures that suffer it is your child's education!

Class	% Attendance 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Good Book Certificate 	
EY Camber	98.1		
EY Windsor	97.3		
Yr 1Arundel	97.9	Ayesha	Contributing on the carpet
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.5	William	Settling in really well
Y2 Leeds	96.1	Dylan	For being so kind and caring towards others!
Y2 Pevensey	97.1	Olivia	Her amazing writing in English
Y3 Deal	94.3	Bethany	For always trying her best and being a wonderful member of Deal Class
Y3 Lewes	95.4	Cacey	For her brilliant understanding of rock formation
Y4 Dover	93.8	Travis	For coming into school with a smile and a positive attitude
Y4 Farnham	100	Callum	For excellent work all week and working so hard during our trip to Hargate Forest
Y5 Hever	97.7	Freya	For excellent contributions to class discussions
Y5 Lullingstone	96.5	Zachary	For a super recount of Odysseus and the Cyclops
Y6 Rochester	96.9	Sarah	For excellent presentation in all her work
Whole School Target	96%	Total for year 96.9% to date	

## The House Cup was won by Jupiter

### Parent behaviour

Due to a couple of incidents in the first weeks of term it seems worthwhile to outline the behaviour that we expect from adults.

- We expect adults to set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and wider community.
- That no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises.
- Physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written, to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in withdrawal of permission to be on school premises.
- Any parent who is asked to leave the school premises will have the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors.

Please note that incidents of rudeness will be logged with the Chair of Governors.

**Vaping**

We have been advised that parents have been vaping on the school site. This is not permitted.

**If your child is late.....**

If your child is late please make sure that you sign your child in the late register, please don't just send them through the school doors with another child. There is a very good reason for this. If the fire alarm went off we would not know that your child is on site as they have missed the class register and not been recorded as on site by you.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher

