



St Mark's C E Primary School

8th October 2018

Newsletter No 5

Harvest gifts – reminder

Just to remind everyone that the church service is on Wednesday.

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'.

Children will be carrying their gifts up to church themselves, and displaying them at the back of the church.

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

Arrival time at school

Please do not drop your child off before 8.45. Staff are not on duty until 8.45am, so children dropped before then are unsupervised.

The late book

Please SIGN it if your child is late. This is for your child's health and safety – if there is a fire, we would not know that they are in school if they have missed the register.

Additionally, they miss the lunch register, as the school kitchen cooks the number of meals ordered, if they haven't signed then we do not know that they need feeding!

Parents' evening

Just a reminder that if you haven't booked already then you still can still book on line for Thursday. If you were hoping for a Tuesday appointment then you will have to speak to your child's teacher.

Mrs Brookes

This week we say a sad farewell to Nicola Brookes (TA in Windsor). Although she wasn't with us for very long, she was great fun to work with and a valued member of staff. We wish her all the best.

Dates to remember

October

9th (Tue)

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

10th (Wed) 10am Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church Yr1 – 6

11th (Thur)

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

18th (Thur)

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

19th (Fri)

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

29th (Mon) Return to school ☺ **31st (Weds) Y4 to Lullingstone Roman Villa**

November

1st (Thur) 2.30 EYFS phonics meeting

5th – 9th EYFS 2019 tours

9th -16th Nov Scholastic Book Fair

Clean Air for Schools (CAFS) Town Hall Visit

On Thursday 4th October, 7 children from Key Stage 2 representing the ECO Committee, walked to Tunbridge Wells Town Hall to find out more about the **Clean Air for Schools** campaign.



The children were taken to one of the committee rooms where they met the two local councillors for the Broadwater and Ramslye area, as well as several members of Environmental Staff working for the council. The children were told all about the aims of the campaign and discussions were had about what we can all do to support these goals; **walk or scoot/ cycle to school more, avoid smoking near the school site (especially by the gates), and to reduce car**

emissions by turning engines off. Some of the children also used their scientific knowledge and suggested planting more trees to increase oxygen levels.

As the flagship school in Tunbridge Wells, we will be spreading these messages to others and encouraging other schools in the town to get involved. The children have even been asked to hold assemblies, design banners and take part in a video telling everyone all about what we are doing!

A huge well done to the ECO Committee members for representing the school so brilliantly and for showing such enthusiasm in this important environmental issue.

Attendance

Sadly, a poor attendance week, with too many classes below the 96% target. We do understand that children are sick, but please do try and return them to school as soon as possible once they are feeling better.

Congratulations to Year 5 Hever, who beat Year 4 Farnham by 0.1% and were awarded Attendance Ted, Punctuality Pup went to Year 4 Farnham.

Class	% Attendance 24 th – 28 th September	Good Book Certificate 	
EY Camber	98.1		
EY Windsor	95.9		
Yr 1 Arundel	95.7	Tilly-May	Good sounding out of her phonics
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.9	Kevin	Dealing with his time in a wheelchair in a positive manner
Y2 Leeds	97.1	Huwie	For trying really hard with his handwriting and presentation
Y2 Pevensey	97.5	Pixie	For her beautiful writing about the robbery
Y3 Deal	98.3	Jack	For his imaginative Tin Forest story
Y3 Lewes	95	Libi	For her fantastic story writing
Y4 Dover	90	Edward	For making incredible improvements in his handwriting and presentation
Y4 Farnham	99	Jazmin	For her continued commitment to reading
Y5 Hever	99.1	Cormac	For his amazing effort and answers in reading and maths
Y5 Lullingstone	95.7	Brandon	For his amazing effort in all that he does
Y6 Rochester	94.2	Sodia	For an outstanding ghost catching invention
Whole School Target	96.3%	Total for year 96.8% to date	

The House Cup was won by Jupiter



Yours sincerely

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