



St Mark's C E Primary School

15th October 2018

Newsletter No 6

MacMillan coffee morning

Our final total is a terrific £902.05, thank you for all your support.

Odd Sock Day

We are participating in 'Odd Sock Day' for Anti-bullying week. On Monday the 12th November we are asking everyone to wear odd socks to school. It is that simple! Over the week children will be participating in activities to highlight the issue.

'Hands Up' class travel survey

usual mode	11/Oct/2018	ideal mode
(35.4%) 105	walk	53 (17.8%)
(14.1%) 42	park&walk	20 (6.7%)
(3.7%) 11	scooting	85 (28.6%)
(2.0%) 6	cycle	75 (25.3%)
(0.0%) 0	school bus	16 (5.4%)
(0.7%) 2	public bus	6 (2.0%)
(0.0%) 0	train	8 (2.7%)
(41.1%) 122	car alone	30 (10.1%)
(3.0%) 9	car share	4 (1.3%)
(0.0%) 0	other	0 (0.0%)
(100%) 297	TOTAL	297 (100%)

On Thursday we conducted a 'Hands Up' Travel survey to see how the children come to school. Car is the most popular option followed by walking, although when the children expressed their preferences walking was definitely not a top preference.

Later in the year we will be holding a 'travel' day when we will be looking at the benefits of walking or park and stride (park 5 minutes away and walk) over a door to door service by car! We will run the survey again and see if anything has changed.

Individual and Sibling photo's

Just a reminder that Thursday 18th is Photo day.

Dates to remember

October

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 9.30 and 11am

9th -16th Nov Scholastic Book Fair

12th (Mon) Odd Sock Day

13th (Tues) EYFS Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm

15th (Thurs) EYFS Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm

19th (Mon) Y2 to English Wildlife Centre

21st (Wed) Y4 Roman Day

December

1st (Sat) PTA Xmas Fayre

3rd (Mon) Y5 British Museum

10th (Mon) 9.30 EYFS Xmas show

11th (Tues) KS1 Xmas performances am and pm (times tbc)

12th (Wed) Xmas dinner EYFS and KS1

13th (Thur) Xmas dinner KS2

14th (Fri) Xmas jumper day

19th (Wed) last day of term

Attendance

WOW, WOW, WOW three classes with 100% attendance, that is a first. Well done Arundel, Farnham and Lullingstone, they all got Attendance Ted time. This week Punctuality Pup was won by Camber for having the least 'lates'. Well done.

Class	% Attendance 1 st – 5 th October	Good Book Certificate 	
EY Camber	98.1	Tushitaa	For settling into school so well
EY Windsor	98.2	Oliver	For his wonderful perseverance
Yr 1 Arundel	100	Ava	A super recount of our Leeds castle trip
Yr 1 Bodiam	98	Maddie	For making good behaviour choices
Y2 Leeds	97.9	Chloe	For an amazing Newspaper article
Y2 Pevensey	98.1	Leo	For fantastic writing in his newspaper article
Y3 Deal	94.3	Lily-Anne	For being a supportive friend
Y3 Lewes	92.6	Charlie	For his fantastic attitude to his learning
Y4 Dover	99	Joshua	For developing great vocabulary for a text all about Highwaymen
Y4 Farnham	100	Maisie	For her fantastic work during maths lessons
Y5 Hever	96.4	Alfie	For brilliant use of descriptive language
Y5 Lullingstone	100	Finn	A brilliant choral poem: The Land of the Dead
Y6 Rochester	93.1	Riley	For working diligently during assessment week
Whole School Target	97.3%	Total for year	96.9% to date (target 96%)

The House Cup was won by Saturn

Details of the new Reading reward scheme

To encourage and reward your child for completing their reading homework we have started a whole school reading reward scheme. Every child has started on the dwarf planet of Pluto and they are aiming to reach planet Earth by the end of term 6. They will achieve this by completing their homework.

There are 30 steps between each planet and if they complete their reading homework they will reach a new planet at the end of each term. One complete reading session is one step. **They will only move one step if they read for their year group's required amount of time in one go.** Your child can make up for missed steps through additional reading over the week and school holidays. Reading homework expectations for each year group.

Reception	Child reading to/with adult 10 minutes daily.
Year 1	Child reading to/with adult 10 minutes daily.
Year 2	Child reading to/with adult 15 minutes daily.
Year 3	Child reading to/with adult 15 minutes daily.
Year 4	Child reading to/with adult 20 minutes daily.
Year 5	Child reading to/with adult 25 minutes daily.
Year 6	Child reading to/with adult 25 minutes daily.

Pluto- The start.

Neptune-	should be reached by the end of term 1
Uranus-	should be reached by the end of term 2
Saturn-	should be reached by the end of term 3
Jupiter-	should be reached by the end of term 4

Mars- should be reached by the end of term 5
Earth - should be reached by the end of term 6

Achievement certificates will be awarded in Friday assemblies.

To encourage and reward additional reading at home there are further planets for the children to aim for. Each of these come with a special reward. To reach these planets your child will need to read for additional time in the week and over school holidays.

Venus is 15 steps on from Earth. **Certificate awarded in Friday assembly+ a prize**
Mercury is 30 steps on from Venus **Certificate awarded in Friday assembly+ a larger prize**
The Sun is 20 steps on from Mercury **Certificate awarded in Friday assembly+ Headteacher's invitation to an end of year celebration.**

And here is an article from Megan

THE SPACE RACE CHALLENGE!



The space race challenge is all about reading. Each class has a different amount of time to read. My class has to read for 25 minutes a day (or they should!). I am already halfway to Saturn and I read for an hour a day. Janet (the cleaner) reads for FIVE HOURS A DAY!!! Most people should be at, or close to, Neptune by now. If you HAVE got to Neptune now, you will probably be at Earth by the end of the school year. I'd like to see everyone catch up with me and Janet! I enjoy reading and my favourite books are from the Warrior Cats series. Don't worry if you aren't at

Neptune or even close to it yet, you can still catch up by reading LOTS over the half terms and weekends.

Top tip – MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SIGN YOUR READING RECORD OTHERWISE IT WON'T COUNT!!!

Megan Y5 Hever

And finally

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you and the children back at school on the 29th October.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher