



# St Mark's C E Primary School

## 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Newsletter No 8

#### Poppies

Year 6 were selling poppies on the playground this morning and will also be selling them at the end of school today, and other days during the week.

#### Netball matches Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>

I am very pleased to be able to tell parents that this year we are entered in the Tunbridge Wells School' League and will be sending a team to represent the school at Skinners' Kent Academy on Tuesday. They will be playing matches against St James B and Bidborough. Good luck 😊

#### Cross Country

And whilst we are wishing our children all the best in their sporting events, good luck to the X Country runners in their two events on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Reading rewards

Just to clarify the reading rewards for everyone, the children are reading around the solar system. There are 30 steps between each planet. Each step is measured by an amount of reading time, for example children in year 1 need to read for 10 minutes each time. Every block of 10 minutes = 1 step. Therefore, if they read for 20 minutes in one session that will = 2 steps. When recording in their reading records please state the amount of time spent in each session so that teachers and TA's can record the time as the right number of steps.

#### Reading expectations for each year group.

EYFS and Year 1 = 10 minutes of reading to/with an adult  
Year 2 and 3 = 15 minutes of reading to/with an adult  
Year 4 = 20 minutes of reading to/with an adult  
Year 5 and 6 = 25 minutes of reading to/with an adult

This means that children are able to progress more than one planet a month.

#### Children in need – non-uniform

This is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, please bring in a contribution of £1 or more!

#### **Dates to remember**

##### November

**5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> EYFS 2019 tours 9.30 and 11am**

**6<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Netball match at SKA**

**7<sup>th</sup> (Wed) X Country at TW Rugby Club**

**9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Nov Scholastic Book Fair**

**12<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Odd Sock Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) EYFS Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> (Wed) XCountry at Mascalls**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Mini Basketball competition**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) EYFS Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Non- uniform – Children in need**

**19<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Y2 to English Wildlife Centre**

**21<sup>st</sup> (Wed) Y4 Roman Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Non-uniform day PTA**

##### December

**1<sup>st</sup> (Sat) PTA Xmas Fayre**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) Y5 British Museum**

**6<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 9.10am Yr4 Class assembly**

**10<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 9.30 EYFS Xmas show**

**11<sup>th</sup> (Tues) KS1 Xmas performances am and pm (times tbc)**

**12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Xmas dinner EYFS and KS1**

**13<sup>th</sup> (Thur) Xmas dinner KS2**

**14<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Xmas jumper day**

**18<sup>th</sup> (Tues) KS1 & 2 Xmas service at St Mark's Church.**

**19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) last day of term**

##### January 2019

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) Back to school**

**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

### PTA non- uniform day

The PTA non-uniform day for the Xmas Fayre will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please bring in bottles and jolly jam jars for the event. Thank you.

### Parent helper's DBS

If you have had your DBS check back, please call in at the office and arrange a time when you can help in a class. Every DBS check we do costs the school money so we would really like those of you who have had one completed to come and help.

### Attendance

Top of attendance again is Year 4F, congratulations, they were awarded Attendance Ted, Punctuality this week went to Year 5 Lullingstone. Well done.

Class	% Attendance 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Good Book Certificate Friday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
EY Camber	98.6	Oliver	For working hard in our phonics lesson.
EY Windsor	91.8	Ella	For sharing her ideas during carpet time.
Yr 1 Arundel	98.3	Tristan	For great maths work using number lines.
Yr 1 Bodiam	93.3	Willow	For excellent independent maths.
Y2 Leeds	91.8	Annabelle	For her fantastic effort in maths all week.
Y2 Pevensey	97.8	William	For his fantastic concentration on his work this week.
Y3 Deal	92.6	Kayleb	For giving 100% in all his learning this week.
Y3 Lewes	94.8	Charlie	For not giving up in his challenging maths learning.
Y4 Dover	96.7	Luke	For being incredibly enthusiastic in our visit to the Roman Villa
Y4 Farnham	99	Alfie	For his excellent information collection on our trip to the Roman villa
Y5 Hever	98.2	Sueventhan	For insightful answers in RE/
Y5 Lullingstone	97	Emily	For an amazing first week in Lullingstone Class
Y6 Rochester	96.2	Sebastian	For his fantastic watercolour painting.
Whole School	95.8	Total for year 96.7% to date (target 96%)	



## The House Cup was won by Neptune

### Lullingstone Roman Villa Visit



Last week, Year 4 went on their first school visit of the year to Lullingstone Roman Villa to kick off their learning about the Romans. The children behaved impeccably and we are extremely proud of them all. Thanks again to Ms Bidwell who supported us as a parent helper!

Here is a short recount of how the day unfolded and a few photos too.

'On Wednesday we got on the coach and drove to the Roman Villa. After we arrived at the Roman Villa, we went in to go and watch a video about the Romans. When the video

had finished, we went around the villa and looked at the remains and the information. We answered questions in a booklet and we drew mosaics. When we were there, we saw Roman clothes, board games and skeleton parts.

When we had finished the booklet, we had lunch and went





to the gift shop. Before we left, we walked up to the circular shrine outside the villa where Romans would have made sacrifices to the Gods. When we'd all had a look we got back on the coach got ready to go back to school.'

By Travis, Y4D

### **Swimming**

This is a reminder to all parents and carers of Lewes and Dover class children that swimming for these two classes will continue up to February half term. The swimming coaches at Crowborough pool have also advised that all children swimming should have goggles, especially in the beginners group, as they are struggling with confidence in putting faces under the water as they are worrying too much about water going in their eyes.

It would also be helpful please, if parents/ carers could ensure their children each have a swimming hat.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher