



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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

### Newsletter No 9

#### Netball report

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 6 netball team made their debut appearance in the Tunbridge Wells Schools netball league at SKA. The team were full of excitement as they pulled on their St Marks tracksuits, ready to represent their school. Our first match was against St James B, a skilful side, who marked us very tightly and made it hard for us to keep possession. However, we showed great spirit and perseverance in defence, and reduced the goals scored by St James in the second half with the help of Rebecca's strength in anticipating and intercepting passes.

Our second match was against Bidborough and with the experience gained from the first match we started the game in full flow. We began to find space on the court and made some consecutive passes, it wasn't long before we got the ball into the circle and scored our first goal! In the second half Bidborough equalised and despite brilliant defending by Daria, Pax and Sofia they managed to secure another goal. Just before the final whistle we had a chance to equalise but it wasn't to be this time and the game finished 2-1 to Bidborough. Well done to the team; Rebecca, Daria, Lily, Gabby, Sofia, Jeanne, Tommy and Pax for representing our school superbly and to all the parents and grandparents who supported the children.



#### **Dates to remember**

##### November

**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**

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Thur) EYFS classes to Showfields Library**

**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 9.30 am & 2 pm**

**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**

**14<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 9.30am Rocksteady Concert**

**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**

**24<sup>th</sup> (Thu) KS1 winter disco**

##### February

**6<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Yr 4 America Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 9.10 Yr2 Assembly**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term**

**25<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Back to school**

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### School Uniform – a couple of things!

- If you should need to replace your child's rucksack in KS2, could you err on the smaller size. The hanging space that the children have for their bags is limited and some of the bags are ENORMOUS!
- Ankle boots are permitted to be worn by children, but please remember that these must be as plain as possible, no patterns, fur, glittery bits, etc please.

### Nuts, Nuts, Nuts

We have a few children in school who are very allergic to nuts, so this is a request to all parents to ensure that your child's packed lunch does not have any form of nuts in. This includes things like Nutella, cakes or biscuits with nuts in and nuts themselves. Thank you.

### Showfields Library Trip - EYFS

EYFS are going to Showfields Library on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. A parentmail has just gone out. If you are able to help please let your class teacher know asap. Thank you.

### British Cycling

Before half term, British Cycling came in to school to deliver the Go-Ride programme for some of the children in year 5 and 6. They were taught to develop their bike riding skills by riding at different speeds, heights and negotiating obstacles. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to British Cycling returning to stage a competition at the school.

### 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.

### Attendance

Year 4 Farnham, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time have topped attendance, well done and Punctuality was awarded to Y2 Leeds 😊

Class	% Attendance 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Good Book Certificate Friday November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
EY Camber	98.6	Emily	For her amazing drawing of a train.
EY Windsor	95	Roxy	For perseverance while making her David and Goliath sling shot.
Yr 1 Arundel	96.4	Filip	For confident participation in phonics.
Yr 1 Bodiam	97.5	Zander	For excellent 3d maths.
Y2 Leeds	98.6	Honey	For fantastic maths all week.
Y2 Pevensy	96.7	Riley	For working independently this week.
Y3 Deal	96.5	Grace	For trying hard inn everything all week.
Y3 Lewes	94.5	Jakub	For his amazing maths learning.
Y4 Dover	94.8	Idthel	For learning and performing boxercise moves confidently.
<b>Y4 Farnham</b>	<b>98.9</b>	Emily	For an excellent first week in year 4 Farnham.
Y5 Hever	92.7	Aimee	For being very positive and determined and not allowing her fractured finger to affect her learning.
Y5 Lullingstone	97.1	Lexie	For effort and progress in her writing.
Y6 Rochester	96.2	Gabby	For her caring and compassionate attitude.
Whole School	96.5	Total for year 96.7% to date (target 96%)	



The House Cup was won by Mercury

### **Cross Country at Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club**

On a very soggy day a team of children from St Mark's went to the Tunbridge Wells Sports Partnership competition at the Rugby Club. In pouring rain they all ran valiantly. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who attended the event, and lets' hope that the next meeting is somewhat drier!

### **Staffing**

I am pleased to be able to let you know that following our recent interview process we have recruited two new staff members to join the staff team. Once their DBS checks have cleared Louise Beazley will be joining the TA team and Diana Greenwood will be in the office Wednesday to Friday.

On a sadder note Mr Azzopardi is relocating to the USA in January, he has been a great member of staff, with us for a number of years and we will all miss him enormously. We will be advertising his position on Kentteach shortly, so if anyone knows of a person who may be interested in this role please direct them to this website.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher