



St Mark's C E Primary School

18th January 2019

Newsletter No 17

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware the school newsletter is always full of info about events, things the children have been doing, the occasional 'please don't' and other items. This week I am delighted to be able to share with you the excerpts from the Tunbridge Wells Courier which was published 11th Jan 2019. (please see the attachment).

The percentages meeting standard relates to children achieving the required level/or above in reading writing and maths in KS2. The pupils reaching the higher standard are those that are working in greater depth. I am immensely proud of how hard all the children and staff worked to achieve the 80% and 16% figures.

The Ofsted rating is the most recent report. Ours was in February 2017, some of the others may be longer ago than that.

School Calendar

We have a few of these left, so are holding our own January sale. £2 per calendar, available from the school office.

Maidstone Museum trip EYFS

This trip is now up on parentmail look in the forms section to give your permission, and payment/shop to make payment. It would be really helpful if everyone could reply as soon as possible. As ever if insufficient contributions are received then the trip will not be able to go ahead. Thank you to all those parents who have been able to support the funding of school trips.

Parent rep meeting

Thank you to all those reps who were able to attend. There were a few points raised that I can now clarify in this news letter.

- Tights – grey or navy please – this is a change from the previous uniform guidelines where black was allowed. We would like black phased out by the end of this winter please.

Dates to remember

(updated weekly, so do just check that nothing has changed!)

January 2019

31st (Thu) KS1 winter disco

February

**4th (Mon) Young Voices at 02
(leave 12 noon return 11pm)**

**5th (Tues) EYFS to Maidstone
Museum**

6th (Wed) Yr 4 America Day

7th (Thu) 9.10 Yr2 Assembly

9th (Sat) PTA quiz night

7.30pm

**12th (Tue) Yr2 turn up & sing
at the Assembly Halls**

**13th (Wed) 2nd hand uniform
sale 3pm in the library**

**14th (Thurs) Y2 topic
afternoon 2.45**

15th (Fri) Dino day for EYFS

15th (Fri) Last day of term

25th (Mon) Back to school

March 2019

4th (Mon) Yr5H Temper

Temper chocolate workshop

5th (Tues) Yr5L Temper

Temper chocolate workshop

**5th (Tues) Parents evening 3.30
– 8pm**

6th (Weds) Parents evening

**3.30 – 6pm NB correction to
time - sorry**

Reading

Congratulations to all those children who moved up a planet this week ☺

Neptune, Uranus, Saturn,
Jupiter, Mars, Earth, Venus,
Mercury

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

- Child sickness – please see the attachment that gives guidance to whether your child should be kept off school or not.
- School visits, doctors, dentists etc...Attendance is very important to the school, we need to be able to say that your child was on site at 9.05 and 12.55, even if they then leave for their appointment immediately after registration. Whilst this may sound a bit daft, it would really help our figures if parents were able to do this, and they can book their lunch if they are returning. Thank you.
- Additional books, the school always welcomes donations of books in good condition.

KS1 Disco

Please note that the date has changed to Thursday 31st January from 3.05 to 4.30. The PTA will send out more details in due course.

School gates and arrival times

We are receiving calls in the office that the gates have not been opened on time. It just seems worth clarifying that the front gate is on a timer, and opens at 8.45 am, the other gates are also opened for 8.45 am. Please could I ask that you don't call the office before that time, someone is on the way! Thank you.

Year 6 Bake Sale – Wednesday 16th Jan

Thank you all for supporting the Year 6 cake sale the children raised a terrific £165 on the day and have now raised a total of £236 for their legacy.

Attendance

☺ ☺ ☺ we have a 100% this week, well done Year 1 Bodiam and not to be outdone, Year 1 Arundel won punctuality pup.

Class	% Attendance 7 th – 11 th January	Good Book Certificate Friday 18th January	
EY Camber	97.1	Tushitaa	For sounding out and blending words.
EY Windsor	98.1	India-Rose	For a brilliant self-portrait drawing.
Yr 1 Arundel	98.6	Lois	For fantastic participation.
Yr 1 Bodiam	100	Xena	For improvement in reading.
Y2 Leeds	97.9	Lee-Junior	For always having a positive attitude to his learning.
Y2 Pevensey	97	William	For fantastic story writing about a penguin.
Y3 Lewes	94.8	Lillie	For her fantastic maths when using the column method for multiplication.
Y3 Deal	91.7	Lana	For participating in class discussion all week.
Y4 Dover	93.3	Imogen	For showing enthusiasm in her topic learning – especially atlas work.
Y4 Farnham	98	Lekha	For being a valuable member of Farnham class.
Y5 Hever	92.3	Herbie	For his perseverance with all his learning.
Y5 Lullingstone	96.7	Delan	For a well written persuasive letter.
Y6 Rochester	96.3	Melissa	For her fantastic letter from the WW1 trenches.
Whole School	96.4	Total for year 95.9.% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ NOW BELOW TARGET	



The House Cup was won by Neptune

Flu Vaccination – additional clinics

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust have asked us to share the following information with you.

Additional Flu vaccination clinics have been organised by the trust. Flu vaccination is available to children in Years R to Years 5 who have not received this at a school session.

Appointments can be booked by calling the Immunisation Service on 0300 123 5205 and consent forms will be available on the day. Please note these are not drop in clinics.

- Saturday 26th January 2019 (10am - 13.30pm)
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, Vauxhall Lane, **Tonbridge**, Kent, TN11 ONE

PTA Quiz night – Saturday 9th February from 7.30pm, Quiz starts at 8.15pm

The PTA are hosting a quiz night on the school hall on Saturday 9th February in the evening, Tickets will be on sale from the office shortly.

Please look out for posters around school or ask your class rep or PTA members for further details.

Tickets for the night will be £5 and include a Papa Johns pizza and there will, of course be a bar.

You can either come along as a ready made team or just turn up and we will make up teams on the night.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier.

Thanks the PTA

Badminton event

Well done to the children who attended the badminton festival on Tuesday evening. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the children to display their racket skills in a variety of activities. The children represented the school fantastically and are looking forward to developing their skills further during badminton club.

Could I remind all parents that for most competitions and festivals there are a limited number of places available which often results in a waiting list. If your child is successful in getting a place at a competition please ensure they attend. Please let us know in good time if your child is unable to attend, not on the day of the event, so that we can offer the place to somebody else.

Mr Barringer

Talking to your class teacher

At St Mark's we like you to have as much access to your class teacher as possible so that you can raise any questions and concerns with them as and when they arrive. Could I ask that if possible you do so at the end of the school day rather than the beginning, as first thing in the morning they are getting the classroom ready for the days learning and lengthy discussions delays this.

Bad parking – THINK OF THE SAFETY OF ALL THE CHILDREN

Parking across driveways, and obstructing the line of vision has been noted several times this week. Please park safely and considerately, and if you are dropping your children off please do not park across the school gates as this prevents people crossing the road to get in. Thank you

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird
Headteacher