



# St Mark's C E Primary School

1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Newsletter No 19

## Squash tournament

Well done to the children that took part in the squash competition at Tunbridge Wells Squash Club yesterday. They displayed some excellent racket skills and competed against other schools from the area. The children finished the tournament in second place



## Snow

A huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents for coming into school today in the cold and snowy conditions.

## **Dates to remember**

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

### February

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

**5<sup>th</sup> (Tues) EYFS to Maidstone Museum**

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

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

**8<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Rock Steady**

**Assembly 9.30am**

**9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) PTA quiz night 7.30pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Yr2 turn up & sing at the Assembly Halls**

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

**14<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y2 topic afternoon 2.45**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Dino day for EYFS**

**15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Mid year reports go out**

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

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

### March 2019

**4<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Yr5H Temper  
Temper chocolate workshop**

**5<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Yr5L Temper**

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**5<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Parents evening 3.30 – 8pm**

**6<sup>th</sup> (Weds) Parents evening 3.30 – 6pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> (Weds) – EYFS drama workshop**

**21<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) 9.10 Year 5 class assembly**

## *Reading*

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

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

**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

## Online safety

Online safety is a topic which many parents ask about. Please see below a poster from National online safety which may be of use.

- Keep up with your children's IT knowledge.
- Keep lines of communication open and keep them safe!

**NOS National Online Safety**

# 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

**1** Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

**2** Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY, ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.

**3** How does this game/app work? Can I play?

PLAY AGAIN? YES NO

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

**4** Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

**5** Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

**6** Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

**7** Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL, OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 Lullingstone with a terrific 99.2%, so close to 100%, and to Year 4 Dover who were awarded Punctuality Pup this week.

Class	% Attendance 21 <sup>st</sup> –25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Good Book Certificate Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
EY Camber	92.4	Georgia - Kensington	For being a caring friend.
EY Windsor	93.7	Ada	For working hard on controlling her emotions.
Yr 1 Arundel	97.9	Finley	For persevering in writing.
Yr 1 Bodiam	96.7	Esmee	For always trying her best and being a pleasure in class.
Y2 Leeds	99	Sophia	For her brilliant effort in maths.
Y2 Pevensey	94.8	Ethan	For his super work ethic this week.
Y3 Lewes	97.4	Giacomo	For his fantastic enthusiasm on the carpet.
Y3 Deal	97.3	Lyla	For outstanding vocabulary in French.
Y4 Dover	89	Edward	For playing the role of a character perfectly.
Y4 Farnham	95.6	Emily	For supporting other children in the class.
Y5 Hever	85	Max	For making positive changes that help him make the most of learning time.
<b>Y5 Lullingstone</b>	<b>99.2</b>	Anja	For excellent effort in English and Maths.
Y6 Rochester	94.3	Lily May	For always trying her best and being a positive role model.
Whole School	95	Total for year 95.8.% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ <b>NOW BELOW TARGET</b>	



## The House Cup was won by Neptune

### 'The old uniform' - Change 1's Life – an update



Jo Leek very kindly drove the uniform boxes to Oxford to be placed in Change 1's Life container.

The charity will be donating the uniform to El-Betel School. This is a school that is part of an orphanage in Luanda (Angola) which they have been helping since 2014.

One of the main impacts the uniform will have is to bring on a sense of belonging between the students which improves productivity.

The picture shows the children at the orphanage, we should receive a photograph of the children in the uniform in due course.

Yours sincerely

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