



# St Mark's C E Primary School

## 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Newsletter No 20

#### Recycle with Michael – for the Salvation Army

Just to say that we were unable to get our chosen collection date in February and have now been allocated Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

So if you could all have a half term clear out, that would be great. The school receives funds based on the weight of bags sent in. Hopefully the Recycle for Michael bags should be with us in the next couple of weeks.

Bags can be brought into school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Ski Club – new beginners



Our ski club goes from strength to strength with many of the children moving from the beginners group to intermediates. This means that we are able to start a new beginners group. The sessions are held at Bowles Ski slope and will be run from 5 – 7 pm on the following dates:-

Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

If you are interested please call James Gambrell on 07730 591671 or email [james.gambrell@gmail.com](mailto:james.gambrell@gmail.com)

#### Bore Place

“A HUGE thank you to all the families that took part in the Bore Place Family Challenge. It was fantastic to see what everyone had been up to and we have displayed some of your fabulous entries in the entrance hall.

The winners were chosen from a hat and have been notified about their prize. Congratulations to The Wilson family, The Gomez family and The Smith family. We hope you have a great day out.”

Rachel Crane

#### **Dates to remember**

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

#### February

**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**

## Year 2 'chicks'



Over the past 2 weeks Year 2 have had some exciting new



additions to our St. Mark's family. We have successfully hatched 10 healthy chicks, 4 girls and 6 boys.



The children have held the chicks and have learnt how to care for these wonderful creatures. We have done lots of activities revolving around the chicks, such as, designing chick and chicken houses, describing our chicks and creating Non-Fiction books about how to care for chicks.

## Attendance

Snow and sickness struck this week and the attendance figures are very low indeed with 4 classes below 90%, and 2 above the target figure of 96%. Congratulations to Leeds for winning attendance and Arundel for punctuality.

Class	% Attendance 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Good Book Certificate Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	
EY Camber	87.6	The whole class	For super listening and behaviour during the trip to Maidstone Museum.
EY Windsor	89.9		
Yr 1 Arundel	94.1	Jack	For concentrating on his learning and starting tasks promptly.
Yr 1 Bodiam	92.5	Alexsander	For extra effort in Big Maths
Y2 Leeds	96.9	Morris	For fantastic maths all week.
Y2 Pevensey	96.7	Oska	For an excellent work effort.
Y3 Lewes	90.4	India	For excellent effort and focus this week.
Y3 Deal	94.1	Chloe	For putting 100% into everything she does.
Y4 Dover	89	The class	For putting so much effort into their America Day Costumes
Y4 Farnham	95	William	For being very supportive to a new member of the class.
Y5 Hever	87.3	Freya & Matilda	For exceptional writing
Y5 Lullingstone	95.8	Mia	For great active learning and working hard to improve her writing.
Y6 Rochester	93.9	Frankie	For excellent effort in maths this week.
Whole School	92.8	Total for year 95.7.% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ <b>NOW BELOW TARGET</b>	



Rock steady concert – house cup not awarded

## Walk and Sing – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 2

Just a reminder to Y2 parents your children will need to be collected from the Assembly Hall foyer at 2.40pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please be on time!

## **Forest School**



The children have really enjoyed Forest School during this chilly month. We have



built shelters and had hot chocolate with marshmallows. Forest School will resume next term due to our Dino Day next Friday.

## **Young Voices Concert, by Mrs Moynihan**

I had a fantastic start to my week, accompanying 28 children to the Young Voices 2019 Concert, with Mrs Crane, Sarah and Toni. The concert provided an opportunity for us to join a choir of 8,000 children, performing in front of a sold-out audience at the O2 Arena London. The children performed with a live band, professional singers and an internationally acclaimed conductor, as well as the Urban Strides street dance group. With a special message from Hugh Jackman and a guest appearance by Tony Hadley, an exciting and memorable day was had by all. Well done to all the children for working so hard to learn a diverse range of songs and dances and to the PTA for helping us to make the trip possible.

Mrs Moynihan

And I would like to add a huge thanks to Mrs Moynihan who runs the choir in her own time after school and to Mrs Crane, Toni and Sarah for giving up their Monday evening to accompany the choir.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

This year World Book Day will take place on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. The children can dress up as a book character, from a book they have read recently. There will be prizes for the best costumes! Good luck!

## **Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

The school will be supporting Comic Relief this year by asking children to wear a red top to school on the day. Please would you also send in a small financial contribution that we can forward to the charity.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher