



St Mark's C E Primary School

29th March 2019

Newsletter No 26

School Easter Service – Thursday April 4th 10am

Just a reminder that the service is on Thursday 4th April, we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, and we would really like to see you before the service, we need lots of parent helpers to walk the children to and from school. If you are able to help please let your class teacher know. Thank you.

Congratulations Mr Fenton

Mr Fenton will be off to pastures new in September, whilst it is a great loss to the school, I am delighted for him, his new position is a great step for his career progression and I am sure that in the future he will be a Headteacher!

Maternity leave – Mrs Haynes

Mrs Haynes will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best. We have appointed Miss Goodwin as a Maternity leave teacher and have invited her into school on Monday 1st April for a handover day.

School Clubs

Please note that **ALL CLUBS RUN BY STAFF FINISH THIS WEEK**. Please let all your friends, neighbours, relatives know, this message never seems to quite get to everyone!

We are currently putting together the list for terms 5 and 6 and will send this out as soon as we can.

Come and see your children's work – at 2.45pm

You are warmly invited into your child's classroom next week to view their learning on the following dates and times.

EYFS – (seen at assembly last week)

Year 1 – Thursday 4th April

Year 2 - Wednesday 3rd April

Year 3 - Tuesday 2nd April

Year 4 - Wednesday 3rd April

Year 5 - Wednesday 3rd April

Year 6 - Friday 5th April

Dates to remember

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

March 2019

30th (Sat) PTA St Marks Fest 11

April

4th (Thurs) 10 am Easter Service at St Mark's Church

5th (Fri) Last day of term

23rd (Tues) Back to school

25th (Thurs) Woodwind demo is assembly

26th (Fri) Class Photos

30th (Tues) St Mark's Day

May

1st (Weds) Yr4 Viking Day

2nd (Thurs) Year 1 to Bromley's Environmental Education Centre

9th (Thurs) 9.10 Y3 class assembly

13th (Mon) SATS week

13th (Mon) 2pm Bach to the Future music roadshow

22nd (Weds) Yr 5 PESE and SRE (sex ed) Talk 3.15

23rd (Thurs) Last day of term

June

4th (Tues) Back to School

14th (Fri) Yr 6 Rochester Cathedral

27th (Thurs) New parents meetings for EYFS Sept 19

Reading

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

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

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 Lewes who topped the chart for attendance this week, and for Year 4 Dover for being the most punctual.

This week we have been looking at individual children's attendance and where we are concerned we will be writing to you. Whilst we all know that children can be sick, hospital appointments are in school time etc there are a disappointing number of children, **90** whose attendance is below 95%. That is nearly a third of the school.

So, please do not book doctors and dentist appointments before 1pm and please arrive on time (arrival after 9.15 counts as a missed session). If all parents would commit to this the school's attendance figure would increase significantly, and finally, we know that holidays/flights are a lot cheaper in term time but would ask that you resist the temptation to book them.

Class	% Attendance 18 th - 22 nd Mar	Good Book Certificate Friday 29th March for.....	
EY Camber	91.7	Whole Class	... an amazing performance in our EYFS Assembly.
EY Windsor	95.9	Whole Class	... a spectacular performance in our EYFS Assembly.
Yr 1 Arundel	92	Elise	... great sentence writing
Yr 1 Bodiam	93.3	Kevin	... a fantastic effort in phonics.
Y2 Leeds	96.9	Cas	... super reading this week.
Y2 Pevensey	94.1	Iswari	... beautiful handwriting.
Y3 Lewes	98.7	Libi	... always putting 100% into everything.
Y3 Deal	94.8	Aidan	... his super travel guide writing.
Y4 Dover	91.5	Ashton	... making the most of his learning time in class this week.
Y4 Farnham	98	Rufus	... showing great enthusiasm in topic and science.
Y5 Hever	93.5	Ashton	... excellent contributions to our class learning.
Y5 Lullingstone	92.5	Sienna	... using the success criteria to ensure the correct elements are included in her writing work.
Y6 Rochester	96.6	Alex	... a positive and mature attitude to school life.
Whole School	94.6	Total for year 95.8% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ NOW BELOW TARGET	



The House cup was won by Saturn this week

Headlice

These have been spotted again, this time in year 2, but might be elsewhere. Please check your children.

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird,
Headteacher