



St Mark's C E Primary School

3rd May 2019

Newsletter No 29

It's a long weekend ☺ I hope you have a great time whatever you are doing.

School Funding

As ever the school budget is extremely stretched. Mrs White is currently setting the budget for the next three years to be submitted to the Local Authority.

She has asked that if any parent thinks they have even the smallest chance of being eligible for Free School Meals that they email her k.white@st-marks.kent.sch.uk and give her permission to apply, it's very quick and easy to do.

The information required is your title, Mr/Mrs/Ms/other, your first name and Surname, your NI number or National Asylum Support Service reference number and your date of birth. An email will be sent to you with the outcome of the application.

The school receives £1320 per child who's bid is successful.

Class newsletters term 5 and 6

These have now been added to the website, so please do go and have a look. They provide valuable information about the events and topics that the children will be studying.

Information for Year 5

Just to remind parents that on Weds 22nd May Mrs Hammond and Mr Bird will be holding a meeting to talk to parents about The Sex & Relationship Education Curriculum that the children will be receiving in Year 6, the process for applying to sit the PESE test (11+) and this year they will also be sharing information about online safety and communication.

Empties Please

Another £28.25 in the account. Thank you to everyone for bringing in your used printer cartridges, and please keep doing so. We also have a battery collection scheme, so please bring those in too! Thank you.

Dates to remember

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

May

9th (Thurs) 9.10 Y3 class assembly
9th (Thurs) 2.45 Yr1 Phonics session
13th (Mon) SATS week
13th (Mon) 2pm Bach to the Future music roadshow
17th (Fri) Yr2 topic day – Nocturnal animals, parents 2.45pm
22nd (weds) Yr1 Amazing Animal World Talk
21st (Tues) EYFS Down Under Day
22nd (Weds) Yr 1 Amazing Animal World
23rd (Thurs) Yr 2 Animal Encounters
22nd (Weds) Yr 5 PESE and SRE (sex ed) Talk 3.15pm
23rd (Thurs) Last day of term

June

4th (Tues) Back to School
5th – 7th (Wed – Fri) Enterprise Challenge a group of yr5 children
12th (Wed) Yr4 Chatham Dockyard
14th (Fri) Yr 6 Rochester Cathedral
15th (Sat) PTA Summer Fayre
25th (Tues) Yr 5 Howletts
27th (Thurs) New parents meetings for EYFS Sept 19
28th Yr 6 Kent Police Day

July

4th (Thurs) Yr 3 Wakehurst Place

Reading

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

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Operation Motion – Year 1 Arundel

Parents in Year 1 will have received a letter from Miss Porter about Operation Motion.

Operation Motion: Giant Steps is an active travel challenge that will run through the month of May and is organised by KCC (which just happens to be National Walking Month!).

So Good Luck to you all as you make your journeys more active, the scheme counts all of the following as ‘active travel’ Walking, Cycling, Scooting, Park & Stride (Park & Stride is for those children who must travel by car but who have parked away from school and had -at least – a 10minute walk to the school gates).

There are prizes for the top performing school, it would be great if it was us! And, although only Yr1 Arundel are in the competition, it would be good if other classes would support them by ‘active travelling’ themselves.

PTA Summer Fayre – Donation dates

Fri 10th May, good quality second hand toys for the toy tombola

Fri 17th May Rainbow hampers. We make these up from donations people are able to bring in. Each year will be given a colour for the Hamper and they are won via a raffle /tombola stall at the fair. There will also be a prize for the best year hamper. Colour details to follow.


Fri 7th June bottles for the bottle tombola

Fri 14th June cake donations for the cake stand

Items will be collected in the playground on the nominated day at drop off.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 Leeds with 100% Hoorah 😊 and our most punctual class Year 4 Dover.

Class	% Attendance Apr 22 – 26 th	Good Book Certificate Friday 3 th May for.....		
EY Camber	94.3	Tommy	Kind, thoughtful behaviour during a role play activity.	
EY Windsor	94.4	Amelia	Brilliant listening during carpet time.	
Yr 1 Arundel	98.3	Filip	Great behaviour on the school trip and looking after others.	
Yr 1 Bodiam	95.3	Bodiam	A wonderful day and excellent behaviour.	
Y2 Leeds	100	Leo	His super effort all week.	
Y2 Pevensey	96.9	Haytham	Taking everything in his stride and embracing Pevensey Life 😊	
Y3 Lewes	97.8	Demi	Persevering in maths.	
Y3 Deal	90.6	Lily	Her excellent efforts in all her learning.	
Y4 Dover	98.8	Imogen	Working hard when learning new skills in maths.	
Y4 Farnham	94	Rayhan	Improving the accuracy of his maths.	
Y5 Hever	95.3	Freddie	Persevering with his maths work.	
Y5 Lullingstone	97.9	Daniel	A detailed piece of writing about a character	
Y6 Rochester	99.1	Pax	Some exceptional work in English this week.	
Whole School	96.5	Total for year 95.6% to date (target 96%) 😞 😞 😞 NOW BELOW TARGET		

The House cup was won by Saturn this week

Year 4 Viking Day



Year 4 Enjoyed a superb Viking Day on Wednesday this week. Bjorn popped by from Scandinavia to share artefacts, games and battle commands and techniques with the children who had dressed up so well for the day! The children all had a great time and learnt lots that we have been sharing in topic lessons since. They made very convincing Vikings! Thank you to parents and

carers who put so much effort into helping the children with costumes.

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird
Headteacher

