



# St Mark's C E Primary School

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## RSPCA visit

The whole school were visited by Jo, a representative from the RSPCA last week.



Children discussed how to meet the needs of pets; provide shelter, medical care, nutrition and love. We also talked about what we can do to help reduce the number of incidents involving wildlife, such as not dropping litter and making sure we know who to call to help animals in need.

The RSPCA publish regular magazines which may be of interest to any children who are animal lovers.

## Recycle with Michael

For those of you who kindly donated items when we had the Recycle with Michael scheme for the Salvation Army I can now let you know that we donated a terrific 530 kg of clothing and shoes raising £62.28 for the school, whilst helping the environment as all items will be reused or repurposed. Thank you.

## Glasses

We have a child's pair and an adult pair in the office. If you think that they might be yours or your child's please do come and have a look.

## **Dates to remember**

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

### **May**

- 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon) SATS week
  - 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon) 2pm Bach to the Future music roadshow
  - 17<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Yr2 topic day – Nocturnal animals, parents 2.45pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> (weds) Yr1 Amazing Animal World Talk
  - 21<sup>st</sup> (Tues) EYFS Down Under Day
  - 21<sup>st</sup> (Tues) Yr 2 Animal Encounters
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> (Weds) Yr 1 Amazing Animal World
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> (Weds) Yr 5 PESE and SRE (sex ed) Talk 3.15pm
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) Last day of term
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### **June**

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

### **July**

- 4<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Yr 3 Wakehurst Place
- 19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term

## *Reading*

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

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

**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

### Caterlink payments

Just to remind parents that the Caterlink payment system does not show debt, so even though the account may show credit, it could be that your child has had meals and the kitchen staff are unable to add them, to the account until there is sufficient credit. Please have a look at the recorded\_meals on your child's account, and if you can see that there is a gap where you know that a meal has been taken please top your child's account up.

The kitchen passed the office 10 chaser letters this week!

### Dinner times

We are experimenting with having a 'rolling' dinner service rather than two distinct settings. The children still get exactly the same length of time for their dinner break, but the juniors are now getting into the hall earlier.

The advantages of this system are that the juniors now have more time to eat their dinners, the faster eaters in all key stages get more playtime outside, as they no longer have to wait for other children to finish, and the overall serving of school dinners is now speedier, so we no longer have to hurry the slower eaters up to either clear the hall for the next sitting, or for the hall to be prepared for afternoon sessions.

So far this system seems to be working well.

### And more on dinners....

Don't forget that we have a change of menu this week. The fliers are attached to this weeks newsletter parentmail.

### Attendance

Two classes shared the top place for attendance this week, Y2 Pevensey and Y3 Lewes, Congratulations, punctuality was awarded to Windsor for the best time keeping.

Class	% Attendance Apr 29- May 3rd	<b>Good Book Certificate</b> <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May for.....</b>	
EY Camber	96.4	Lucia	Amazing writing, lists, letters, books – she can do it all!
EY Windsor	98.1		
Yr 1 Arundel	98.7	Riley	A supper effort when doing his reading comprehension
Yr 1 Bodiam	95.8	Samihah	Perseverance in her writing.
Y2 Leeds	96	Millie	Her amazing effort in writing all week.
Y2 Pevensey	99.6	Arthur	Only losing one mark in our quizzes this week.
Y3 Lewes	99.6	Billy	Good work all week.
Y3 Deal	98.3	Alec	Using accurate punctuation in all of his writing!
Y4 Dover	95	Jasmine	Always being an enthusiastic learner.
Y4 Farnham	96.2	Joshua	Showing great enthusiasm in all subjects.
Y5 Hever	95	Allen	Fantastic arithmetic.
Y5 Lullingstone	92.5	James	Outstanding contribution in class discussions and hard work in all subjects
Y6 Rochester	91	Yogitha	Helping the whole class with long division.
Whole School	96.3	Total for year 95.6% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ <b>NOW BELOW TARGET</b>	



**The House cup was won by Neptune this week**

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher