



St Mark's C E Primary School

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At the end of the school day

At the end of the school day the class teachers are very happy to talk to parents, and many parents use this as a time to catch up.

Could we just ask that if you do want to catch your class teacher at the end of the day you let them dismiss the other children first. We have had parental feedback that it can be quite frustrating if you can see your child, but the teacher cannot dismiss them as they are having a conversation with a parent. Thank you.

Wellness Week - Charlie Waller

On the week commencing the 17th of June we will be having a 'Wellness Week'. During that week the children will be involved in a number of different activities (including dance, yoga, forest school and biscuit decorating) to promote healthier bodies and minds. We will be having a visitor from 'The Charlie Waller Trust' who will be supporting the teachers and pupils with different activities to develop a positive mental attitude.

On the Friday 21st June we would like the children to come to school in non-school uniform - something bright and we would really appreciate a donation of £1 per child that we will give to the 'Charlie Waller Trust'.

Thank you in advance for all your support to make this week a success.

Polling day

European Elections are 23rd May. We are a polling station (apologies about the confusion with the local elections). This means that next Thursday the Nottidge Road entrance is for the General Public only to gain access to the Mini hall for voting. All children and parents should access the school via the main gate or Saunders road. Thank you.

Scooters and near misses!

Please watch your children and make sure they are not riding them around the playground at 3pm – it could lead to a nasty accident for your child or someone else's!

Dates to remember

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

May

20th (Mon)

- Photo orders collected
- Piano assembly

21st (Tues)

- EYFS Down Under Day
- Yr 2 Animal Encounters

22nd (Weds)

- Yr 1 Amazing Animal World
- First Class event (some yr 6)
- Yr 5 PESE and SRE (sex ed)
Talk 3.15pm

23rd (Thurs)

- Polling Day
- **Last day of term ☺**

June

4th (Tues) Back to School ☺

5th – 7th (Wed – Fri) Enterprise Challenge a group of Yr 5 children
10th (Mon) Bikeability Yr 5 and 6 begins

12th (Wed) Yr4 Chatham Dockyard

14th (Fri) Yr 6 Rochester Cathedral

15th (Sat) PTA Summer Fayre

17th Wellness Week

25th (Tues) Yr 5 Howletts

27th (Thurs) EYFS new parents meetings

28th (Fri)

- Yr 6 Kent Police Day
- Parent Rep meeting 9 am

July

3rd (Weds) Wimbledon

4th (Thurs) Yr 3 Wakehurst Place

8th (Mon) Yr 1 Hobgoblin Theatre drama workshop

19th (Fri) Last day of term

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Chess Tournament



Last Sunday, Zachary, Freddie and Artemiy participated in a Chess Event held by Chessinschools.co.uk. The boys performed extremely well with Freddie winning 2 out of his 5 games, Zachary 3 and Artemiy all 5. Zachary completed an amazing lawn mower checkmate in one of his games and was awarded a special prize. Artemiy was awarded the Open Winner.

The tournament said:-

'Mr. Bird, you should be proud of your ambassadors as they conducted themselves very maturely'

Well done boys.

Kwik Cricket



Well done to the Y3/4 children who took part in the School Games Kwik Cricket tournament this week. The children represented the school excellently and they were able to win 2 of their games and narrowly lost 4. There was some impressive bowling and batting on display and some memorable wickets taken. Thank you as always to the parents who supported the tournament by transporting children and helping on the day.

Boxing – KS2

The KS2 children have been sampling a boxing class this term which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have learnt the correct boxing stance, hand position and some of the basic moves. Most importantly, they have learnt about the discipline that boxing requires and the times and places to do it. We have the potential for this to run as an after school club from September at a small cost. If this is something you may be interested in please let Mr Barringer know.

... and finally

Finally, it has been a fantastic year of sport so far at St Mark's. We are increasing the number of children taking part in after school sport which is allowing us to enter more competitions. I appreciate that transport to competitions can be an issue but please do not let this stop your child taking part. Speak to Mr Barringer and alternative transport arrangements may be possible. It would be great to have a minimum of 1 team in to each competition we enter.



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 Pevensey for topping the table with 96.9% just a couple of sessions short of 100%, it would be lovely if we could see a 100% next week.

Year 5 Hever were the most punctual ☺. Please remember that the school day starts at 8.55, but doors are open from 8.45 so that the children can arrive and get settled ready to start their learning journey on time.

Class	% Attendance 6 th – 10 th May	Good Book Certificate Friday 17 th May for.....	
EY Camber	94.5	Stefan	Trying really hard with his reading.
EY Windsor	94	Logan	Trying really hard with his writing.
Yr 1 Arundel	95.5		
Yr 1 Bodiam	95.8	Nye	Being a lovely polite member of class.
Y2 Leeds	96.6	Sheriece	A super topic day costume.
Y2 Pevensey	96.9	Horatio	Putting so much effort into his quizzes.
Y3 Lewes	94.7	Emma	Being a lovely member of our class.
Y3 Deal	95	Christian	His fantastic factual writing this week.
Y4 Dover	95.1	Rosie	Showing increased confidence in games in PE.
Y4 Farnham	96.7	Harley	Writing a fantastic narrative poem.
Y5 Hever	93.1	Prikanth	Showing great enthusiasm in his learning.
Y5 Lullingstone	96.7	Dean	Making brilliant progress in reading.
Y6 Rochester	95.2	Year 6	Completing their SATS this week.
Whole School	95.5	Total for year 95.6% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ NOW BELOW TARGET	



The House cup was won by Jupiter this week

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher