



St Mark's C E Primary School

23rd May 2019

Newsletter No 32

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that there is no school tomorrow Friday 24th May and that children are back in school on Tuesday 4th June.

Please do read the newsletter carefully these dates have been in the 'blue bit' of the newsletter for several weeks, but the office have had lots of parents who have been unaware of the holiday dates! NB the 'blue bit' is updated weekly so it's always a good idea to check it.

Have a lovely time whatever you are doing ☺

Thank you PTA

I am sure that you have all spotted the new outdoor gym equipment on the KS2 playground, the children are loving it. Thank you PTA for funding it.

Next term, to continue the improvements to the playground we are having a trim trail painted around the netball courts. Depending on weather and timings this may mean that we have to close the playground for pickups, we will keep you informed and trust that you will be understanding. Sorry, we were unable to schedule the markings in the holidays.

.....and

Please don't forget that the PTA are gearing up for the Summer Fete. There is a home clothes day on Friday 7th June – please bring in a bottle for the Tombola, Cake donations are requested for the Friday before the Fete either bought or home-made, so that's Friday 14th June.

Animals

What a lot of animals we had in school this week, the children absolutely loved the experience and there are some fantastic photos below of Year 1 and Year 2

Dates to remember

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

June

4th (**Tues**) Back to School ☺

5th (**Wed**) Yr5 topic day. Parents welcome from 2.45

5th – 7th (**Wed – Fri**) Enterprise Challenge a group of Yr 5 children

6th (**Thur**) French students visiting the school.

7th (**Fri**) PTA Home clothes day

10th (**Mon**) Bikeability Yr 5 and 6 begins

10th (**Mon**) Friendly netball match v Langton

11th (**Tues**) EYFS Camber to Wagamama's

12th (**Wed**) EYFS Windsor to Wagamama's

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

8th (**Mon**) Y6 to Bowles

10th (**Wed**) Sports Day EYFS/KS1 am, KS2 pm

11th (**Thurs**) Yr 1 Class Assembly 9.10 am

15th (**Mon**) Yr6 end of year performance 9.30am & 6pm

19th (**Fri**) Last day of term

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Year 1 Photos



There are more pictures on the website for Bodiam



Year 2 Animal Encounters

Year 2 have had an exciting week along with a nocturnal animal topic day we have had some nocturnal visitors. We got to meet Squirt the Skunk, Ellie the African Snail, Cockroaches, Ziggy the Snake and 2 Sugar Gliders. All the children were very brave and got to interact with the animals and had lots of questions. Thank you to Amazing Animal Encounters for bringing the animals to see us.



Year 2 Nocturnal Animal Encounters

First Class Event

The F1rst Class event is a general knowledge quiz in six varied rounds over ninety minutes covering content from the likes of the BBC, Sky News, Horrible Histories, Marvel, European Space Agency, Science Museum, The British Museum, UK Mathematics Association, Impossible (Mighty Productions), Richard Osman's House of Games (Zeppotron) and the F1RST CLASS team. The teams were asked to do everything from spotting the hidden changes in videos to building a tower without using their hands and they all threw themselves into it with absolute gusto.

Seven schools took part in teams of 6. Unfortunately, we were only able to send 4 students, who performed incredibly well. The organiser has reported that

'I thought they (St Mark's) were amazing. They walked into that room full of children knowing they only had four in their team when everyone else had six but they were not downhearted at all. Instead, it genuinely felt like they stepped it up even more, to make up for the lack of numbers. They worked well as a team throughout and were in second place until the very last round. For me, they won a moral victory and Sam, Abi, Rebecca and Evio deserve a special mention. I really hope they enjoyed it.'

They didn't win, but put up a terrific performance. Well done 😊

Congratulations Libi



It's always great to be able to let parents know of the outstanding achievements of St Mark's children in or outside of school. I'd like to say a huge well down to Libi who successfully auditioned for the English Youth Ballet and performed in Copéllia as part of the English Youth Ballet last week after training with English National Ballet professionals. She loved it and it's been a great experience for her.

Attendance

Top marks to Leeds this week for 99.3% - we're still looking for that rare 100%, hopefully next week. Punctuality improved enormously this week, THANK You. Punctuality Pup was awarded to Year 3 Deal. Extra play time for the winners in both categories 😊

Class	% Attendance 13 th – 17 th May	Good Book Certificate	
EY Camber	88.2	No awards this week, as it's a Thursday!	
EY Windsor	94.7		
Yr 1 Arundel	95		
Yr 1 Bodiam	97.1		
Y2 Leeds	99.3		
Y2 Pevensey	97.5		
Y3 Lewes	97.8		
Y3 Deal	95.8		
Y4 Dover	96		
Y4 Farnham	97.1		
Y5 Hever	90		
Y5 Lullingstone	98.8		
Y6 Rochester	97.2		
Whole School	95.9		

Total for year 95.6% to date (target 96%) 😊 😊 😊 **NOW BELOW TARGET**

Your sincerely
Mr S Bird, Headteacher