



St Mark's C E Primary School

7th June 2019

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Welcome back to term 6.

I hope that you all had a very enjoyable half term, making the most of the great weather that we had.

Teaching staff started on Monday this week with a collaborative training session with other local primary schools. We were all at Southborough learning about positive minds – understanding emotional barriers to learning.

So looking ahead to the 7 weeks of term 6. There are lots and lots of trips that the children will be going on. Please do make sure that you have completed the permission slips and sent the payment in on time. It really does save an awful lot of time in the office if there is no chasing to do!

We have sports day and the PTA fete, let's hope that the weather is nice and sunny for these days. On the subject of sunny days, please apply sun cream at home. There are plenty of 24 hour protection creams now available, please also ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and a water bottle. We always endeavour to keep children in the shade on really hot and sunny days, but it is best that they come in fully protected!

Traffic bollards

The council have at last come through and parking bollards are now by the Saunders Road entrance to prevent cars parking on the verge. Parking on these verges has always been a concern to us as it endangered children by blocking the sightlines for them to cross the road. There are other measures on the way and we will notify you accordingly.

Thank you council.

Scooters and Bikes

Summer sees an increase in children cycling or scooting to school which is great, but please watch do watch your children and make sure they are not riding them around the playground – it could lead to a nasty accident for your child or someone else's!

Dates to remember

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

June

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

12th (Wed) TAG rugby tournament

13th (Thurs) Yr3 and 4 topic day, parents welcome from 2.45

14th (Fri) Yr 6 Rochester Cathedral

15th (Sat) PTA Summer Fayre 12 – 2.30pm

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

9th (Tues) class swaps pm

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

16th (Tues) 10am leavers service at St Mark's Church

3.30pm leavers BBQ

17th (Wed) Reserve Sports Day

19th (Fri) Last day of term

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Operation Motion – Year 1 Arundel - update

A massive well done to Year 1 Arundel who came 3rd on the Operation Motion leader board this year! They have done a brilliant job and have won a FREE Scooter Pod for school. Congratulations!

The Reading Space Race

This has been a fantastic scheme, one in which the children and teachers have been fully engaged in their journey to planet earth. Well done to all.....but all good things have to come to an end and Thursday 5th July will be the last day on which progress is recorded. This doesn't mean stop reading, it just means that we want to be able to tally up all the progress that the children have made and plan the reward for those who have got to the sun.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 Deal, so close to that magic 100% figure, and the most punctual at the end of term EYFS Windsor.

Class	% Attendance 20 th – 23 rd May	Good Book Certificate Friday 7 th June for.....		
EY Camber	97.2	Robbie	For being an amazing member of Camber Class	
EY Windsor	95.8	Oliver	For always challenging himself	
Yr 1 Arundel	92.9	Simon	For great use of phonics during reading and writing	
Yr 1 Bodiam	91.7	Ella N	For an improvement in her behaviour	
Y2 Leeds	97.5	Honey	For her super progress this term	
Y2 Pevensey	91.5	Armin	For settling into Year 2 life at St Mark's	
Y3 Lewes	97.8	Charlie J	For a marked improvement in concentration	
Y3 Deal	99.5	Jack	For his beautiful handwriting and presentation this week	
Y4 Dover	93.1	Joshua	For creating a super illustration based on our class text	
Y4 Farnham	92.9	Georgi	For his improvement in reading and writing	
Y5 Hever	97.3	Harry	For remembering and using his science knowledge well	
Y5 Lullingstone	95	Leah	For great contribution to class discussions	
Y6 Rochester	93.1	Artemiy	For a fantastic email	
Whole School	95	Total for year 95.6% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ NOW BELOW TARGET		

The House cup was won by Mercury this week

St Mark's Church

The Reverend Laurence Powell has been appointed as Priest-in-charge of St Mark's Parish. We are very much looking forward to working with Laurence and his team over the coming months.

Beacon Academy open days

The Beacon Academy Year 5 Open Morning tours are now fully booked in June. If you have not booked a place but would like to visit the school, there will be another opportunity to do so in October 2019. Open Day will be on Saturday 5th October, and this will be followed by another week of bookable open morning tours. Please visit the Beacon Academy website for further information <http://www.beacon-academy.org/web/join-us/open-days.php>



Uniform

Just a reminder that as a school we want our children to be proud of their appearance and come in to school looking smart and tidy.

Trousers and skirts/pinafores must be grey, not black. School shoes and appropriate socks must be worn not trainers.

Child safety

Just a reminder that children should not be left unattended on the school playground. Staff open the school doors at 8.45am when the children are able to go into their classrooms and get ready for the teaching day that starts at 8.55.

Child absences

For those of you who email absences in please could you use the office email. office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk, the reason being that now and again Mrs White or Mrs Chapman are not in and if you use their direct email then it might well be that your message is not picked up and you will get a phone call!

Year 1 and 2 Netball/Basketball club

Miss Porter and Miss Wignall will be running the club for the next 3 weeks with the last Wednesday being 26th June, the club will not run in July. Please make a note in your diaries.

Wellness Week – Week of 17th June (a note from Mrs Speight)

We will be holding “Wellness Week” during the week of 17th June.

On Thursday 20th June at 2pm we will be holding a talk entitled '**Supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing - guidance for parents and carers**'. This will be led by Jenny Langley from the children's mental health charity, The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust. The talk will be in the main hall, will last about an hour and all parents are invited to attend.

The children will also be having workshops during the day, so please come and support this good cause. Many thanks

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher