



St Mark's C E Primary School

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It's been a bit of a soggy week this week, but the children have valiantly undertaken outside activities regardless.

Tag Rugby team



The team performed exceptionally well in tough circumstances and had lots of fun. Thank you to the supporting parents and Henry who went to the event.

Enterprise Challenge

A team of St Mark's children entered the Enterprise challenge competition at Salomon's last week. Enterprise challenge is a scheme set up by local businesses which encourages children to take an idea from it's inception through to final production.



Dates to remember

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

June

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

17th Wellness Week

20th (Thur) Charlie Waller Trust parent workshop 2 – 3pm

21st (Fri) Home clothes day donation for Charlie Waller Trust

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

Research on Summer Reading

Children who **DO NOT READ** in the summer can **lose two to three months** of reading skills.

Kids who **DO READ** tend to **gain a month** of reading proficiency.

Aspire, Believe, Succeed

This may include junk modelling, marketing, pricing and a trade fair. Our team thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Yr 4 Chatham Historic Dockyard



On Wednesday, Year 4 spent a rather wet but enjoyable day at the Historic Dockyards. The children took part in a workshop teaching them all about Grace Darling and the science behind lighthouses. They formed electrical circuits and used a range of lenses and mirrors to make the brightest beam possible. As well as that, the children also had a workshop where they made and tested boats in a water tank that had a wave simulator! It was quite funny watching the boats race each other. Sadly, a couple did sink but that helped the children understand the importance of careful building.



All of the children played a part in making some rope. It was a fascinating process to watch as nine yarn strands became strong rope. We were able to take our class rope back to school as a reminder of the day and all of the hard work that was put into it.



One of the best parts of the day was getting to go on HMS Ocelot, a decommissioned submarine that was used to spy on other ships and submarines when it was in service. Everyone loved seeing the huge torpedo tubes, looking through the periscope and it was amazing to see just how small the space was inside and how cramped the bunk beds were – especially when we found out there would have been 69 men on board!



Many thanks to Mrs Doughty for volunteering to help in Farnham class for the day.



Healthy snacks

Just a reminder that the school considers a healthy snack to be anything fresh e.g fruit or vegetable.

Year 4 Parents

In a couple of weeks, children in Year 4 will be taking part in a trial Times Tables Checker which will be mandatory for all Year 4's to complete as of 2020. This year, we are looking to measure how times tables learning looks across the school by completing this trial, provided by the Government. It will help us to support times tables teaching and learning going forwards for future year groups. The following links may provide some support for children in Year 4 that would like to improve their times tables before completing the official trial later this month. The first link will be familiar to Year 4s. Any practise you already do is great.

Other children in the school might find them helpful too!

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>

Mrs Bert and Mr Barringer

Attendance

Congratulations to our top attendance class year 4 Dover and the most punctual Pevensey ☺

Class	% Attendance 4 th – 7 th June	Good Book Certificate Friday 14th June for.....		
EY Camber	87.5	Xavier	For fantastic mathematical thinking about halves.	
EY Windsor	94.3	Whole Class	For trying all the food at Wagamama's.	
Yr 1 Arundel	88.3	Ayesha	For fantastic instructions on how to find gold.	
Yr 1 Bodiam	95	Esmee	For great instruction writing.	
Y2 Leeds	92.9	Reuben	For his fantastic effort all week!	
Y2 Pevensey	98.3	Maisie	For her super work ethic this week.	
Y3 Lewes	90.2	Charlie P	For his amazing spelling this week.	
Y3 Deal	87	Chloe & Grace	For using their team work skills to creat a fantastic mood poem.	
Y4 Dover	98.8	Shelbi	For being inquisitive and thoughtful in our maths enquiry.	
Y4 Farnham	91.7	Rayhan	For the enthusiasm he shows in all subjects.	
Y5 Hever	93.5	Valeria	For an excellent scientific drawing.	
Y5 Lullingstone	95.5	Daniel	For brilliant effort in English and Maths this week.	
Y6 Rochester	93.5	Pax	For showing a significant improvement in the development of his work	
Whole School	92.8	Total for year 95.5% to date (target 96%) ☹ ☹ ☹ NOW BELOW TARGET		

The House cup was won by Mercury this week

Nametags – we have registered for a scheme

We have registered with myNametags.com as a company who provide competitively priced nametags, whilst giving a little back to the school.

Our School ID is 32672. Please make sure that you use this reference if you place an order.

We do encourage parents to make sure all items uniform and home clothes, particularly coats are labelled so that they can be returned to the correct child. It is always amazing to see how much is not named!

Please order online, by going to www.MyNametags.com using the School ID 32672.

Wellness Week – Week of 17th June

We will be holding “Wellness Week” during the week of 17th June, activities for the children include Dance, Fitness, Meditation, Yoga, and sessions held by the Charlie Waller trust. Please don't forget the parents session at 2pm on Thursday – all welcome.

Wimbledon ticket poster competition



We had a tremendous response to the poster competition, children had put in a huge amount of effort and it was hard to choose the top 10, but we had to!

The top 10 in no particular order are:-

Rosie (yr4D), James (yr5L), Christian (yr3D), Chloe (yr3D), Emily (yr5L), Lexi (yr3D), Bailey (yr6), Megan (yr5L), Brook (yr4F), Maisie (yr4F).

Reserves in case any of the 10 cannot go are George (yr3L), Imogen (yr4D)

Further details about arrangements for the day will follow next week. If your child is not able to go please let the office know as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Your sincerely

Mr S Bird, Headteacher