



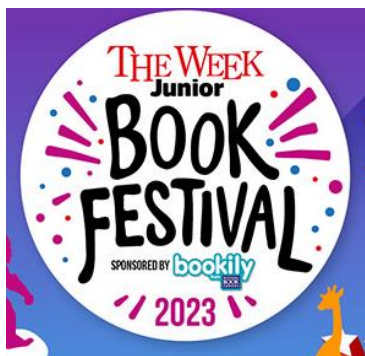
St Mark's C E Primary School

8th September 2023

Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a lovely, relaxing summer break. It is lovely to see all of the children returning to school and to meet all of the new joiners that we have had – all of our Early Years children and several children across the year groups. Everyone seems to have settled in brilliantly and worked very hard this week.



Book Festival

In the October half-term, the well-known subscription magazine, 'The Week Junior', is hosting a book festival in London. If any of you have avid readers at home and would love a literary day in the city, this could interest you! There are some superb guest speakers including Michael Rosen and J.T. Williams with opportunities for book signings too. Tickets can be booked on their website.



ECO Committee Meeting

Next week, the first ECO meeting will be held. One representative from each class in years 2-6 will be elected over the coming days and they will bring home a diary of up-coming meetings. Each week, I will remind the children of when and where to meet during assembly. For children in EYFS and Year 1, they will join in with ECO Committee activities after Christmas once they are settled in their new classes.

Mrs Bert

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

Term 1

September

13th (Wed) PTA meeting 8pm
25th (Mon) Harvest Festival at Church
27th (Wed) PTA AGM
29th (Fri) McMillan Coffee Morning

October

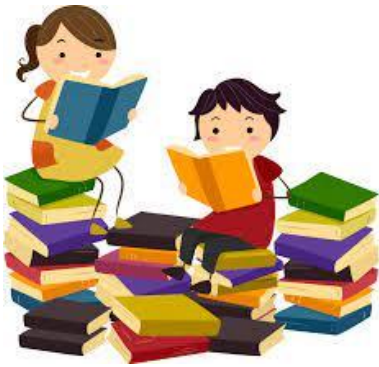
3rd (Tue) Y3 Trip: Kent Life
3rd (Tue) Y2P Sharing Assembly
9:15am
5th (Thurs) Y6R Sharing Assembly
9:15 am
9th (Mon) Parents Evening 3:30 pm – 7pm
12th (Thurs) Parents Evening 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
13th (Fri) Parent Reps Meeting 9am
18th (Wed) – 20th (Fri) Y6: Bowles
20th (Fri) Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card
20th (Fri) Last day of Term

Term 2

30th (Mon) Term 2 starts



Aspire, Believe, Succeed



Reading

We are launching an exciting new reading incentive! This will go live on Monday 18th September. We will share more information with children in assembly and via ParentMail next week, so keep your eyes peeled! We can't wait to share it with you!

School Clubs

Thank you for completing the form on ParentMail with clubs that your children would like to join. We have had a huge response and aim to work through these to notify parents as soon as possible. You will receive a ParentMail to let you know if your child has a place or is on a waiting list.

Housekeeping Items

As we are at the beginning of a new term, we thought it would be useful to provide a few polite reminders:

- The school gates open at 8:40 am each morning and the doors open at 8:45 am. Children need to be in their classes by 8:55 am please.
- When emailing the school office, please include your child's name and class.
- If your child will be collected by someone different on a particular day, please email the school office office@st-marks.kent.sch.uk in the morning. If you had particular collection arrangements last year that will be on-going again this year, please also email the office so that a note can be made on your child's record.
- Absences - If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the school office (01892 525402) and leave a message on the absence line or email the school office before 8:30 am each morning. Please remember sickness and/or diarrhoea requires an absence of 48 hours from the last bout of illness.
- Uniforms – we now have a shop on ParentMail and there is now no need to email the school office with any uniform orders. Please go to “Payments” and at the bottom of that screen will be “shop” where you can order and pay for items. We will then advise you when the items are ready for collection. We are now at the stage where stocks are low and we may have to order from our supplier so you may now experience a delay.
- Please can children dismount their scooters/bikes before they enter the school grounds to avoid any accidents.
- Please can we ask you to park considerately around the school and not block our neighbour's driveways or the children's crossings.

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

At the end of each week, we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Vinuthi	For her fabulous sentences this week!
Y1 Bodiam	Barnabus	For settling well into year 1. Listening well to instructions and doing some excellent English work
Y2 Leeds	Finley	For super learning behaviours and setting a great example to the class
Y2 Pevensey	Ellie	For being a kind and thoughtful member of Pevensey Class
Y3 Lewes	Selena	For beautiful manners
Y3 Deal	Leon	For excellent researching of Deal Castle and well-presented work
Y4 Dover	Florrie	For being kind and welcoming to new members of the class
Y4 Farnham	Nemitha	Careful consideration of his word choices in English
Y5 Lullingstone	Stefan	For listening well and showing a great attitude to learning this week.
Y5 Hever	Amelia D	For a fantastic start to the school year – your enthusiasm is infectious!
Y6 Rochester	Kian	For striving to apply adventurous vocabulary and ideas in his English
Y6 Oxford	Riley	For an excellent start to year 6 showing enthusiasm, listening skills and manners.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher