



# St Mark's C E Primary School

## 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning



It was lovely to see so many parents this morning at our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you for all your donations, cakes and help. At the time of writing, we have raised a total of £740 and I am sure this will rise again. Please use our Just Giving page for donations:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marks-c-e-primary-school-1694794740813?utm\\_term=BW5zVbR2B](https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marks-c-e-primary-school-1694794740813?utm_term=BW5zVbR2B)



Dates to remember  
Added dates in yellow

#### Term 1

##### October

3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Y3 Trip: Kent Life

3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Y2P Sharing Assembly

9:15am

5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y6R Sharing Assembly

9:15 am

5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Gruffalo lunch

9<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Parents Evening 3:30 pm – 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) World Mental Health Day – wear yellow accessory

12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Parents Evening 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

13<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Parent Reps Meeting 9am

16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Early Years trip to

Hargate Forest (afternoon)

18<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y6: Bowles

19<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y2 Explorers Topic Day

19<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y3 and Y4 Rock Day

20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card

20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of Term

#### Term 2

30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Term 2 starts

1<sup>st</sup> Nov (Wed) Y2 Guy Fawkes Theatre

9<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) School Photos: individual and siblings (school age only)

17<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Friendship Friday

28<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Y3D Sharing Assembly 9:15am

29<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Y1,2, 3 Pantomime (in school)

30<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)



**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

### **500 Words 2023**

The BBC have again launched their 500 Words competition. There are two categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year olds and children of all abilities can enter. They don't need to worry about punctuation or spelling, their story just needs to be under 500 words!

[500 Words - BBC Teach](#)



### **No scooters or bikes/balance bikes**

Please remember that, to avoid accidents and collisions, children should dismount from scooters, bikes or balance bikes as soon as they come on to the school grounds.

### **PTA News**

- **PTA Frameless Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who took part in this raffle for the Frameless art exhibition in London - we raised nearly £100 for the school! And congratulations to the lucky winners Claire and Elizabeth - we hope you have fun visiting!

- **PTA AGM**

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening! The Trustees Report and minutes will be shared shortly. Thank you to the outgoing Chair and Treasurer, Jo Leek and Claire Gomez, for all their help running the PTA over the last few terms.

We welcome Lida Willingale and Rochelle Breach as the new co-Chairs and Jackie Tsui as the new Treasurer. If you'd like to get in touch, please email [secretarytn4@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytn4@gmail.com).

We have lots of events being planned already: please do take a look at the PTA section on the school's website as will be adding to this soon!

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=St+Marks+PTA&pid=22>

### **World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10th October**

World Mental Health Day aims to spread awareness about mental health and the importance of looking after it. The day is a chance for everybody to talk about mental health and emphasise how important it is to reach out if you're struggling. At the school we have a wellbeing team, so if you would like to share your concerns about your own mental health or your child's please contact us.

To recognise the day the children can wear a yellow accessory with their normal uniform - socks/tights/t shirt or hair bow. The reason for yellow is the link to the charity Young Minds.

Mrs Speight  
Senior Mental Health Lead

Wellbeing Team - Mrs Speight, Mrs Lake, Mrs Horan, Mr Laurence, Sarah, Toni, Mrs Coton and Mrs Crane

### Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:

**Attendance:** Year 1 Bodiam

**Punctuality:** Year 4 Dover

Attendance for last week was 96.9% 😊

### This week the Head's Heroes are:

EY Camber	Billy	For joining in with enthusiasm and contributing to group discussions
EY Windsor	Reggie	For being such a wonderful friend in Windsor class, Reggie is so kind!
Y1 Arundel	Harry	For showing great maturity in our lesson about forgiveness
Y1 Bodiam	Georgia	For demonstrating kindness and friendship by carrying a friend's harvest donation to church
Y2 Leeds	Aysha	For being resilient when counting and comparing numbers
Y2 Pevensey	Leo	For sharing his thoughtful and respectful ideas in PSHE
Y3 Lewes	Freya	For showing good 'fellowship' towards her classmates
Y3 Deal	Gamze	For demonstrating good 'fellowship' by leading the school in prayer at the Harvest church service
Y4 Dover	Bentley	For demonstrating good friendship and leadership skills in our Science group work
Y4 Farnham	Reece	For having a 'can do' attitude when comparing and ordering numbers
Y5 Lullingstone	Annette	For setting a great example to others through her fantastic attitude to learning
Y5 Hever	Oliver	Great enthusiasm and detailed drawings in class about Greek mythology
Y6 Rochester	Nye	For always demonstrating exemplary aspiration to succeed and engage in all learning with focus and enthusiasm
Y6 Oxford	Ayesha	For her trust and thankfulness shown in PSHE this week
Mr Smith - PE	Frankie M	For her participation and hard work in PE this week

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher