



St Mark's C E Primary School

13th October 2023

Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents and Carers,



New House Names

School Council and Mrs Lake would like to announce an upcoming exciting design competition! We are launching a design mascot or flag competition to celebrate the renaming of our Houses - Leopard (yellow), Turtle (green), Dolphin (blue) and Red Panda (red).

The children should complete their design in their own time, at home and over half term. Designs can be sent to Mrs Lake via the office or given to Mrs Lake directly by Wednesday 1st November. The design can be hand drawn or a computer aided design. The winning designs will be jointly chosen by Mr Bird, our House Captains and Governors.

The flags or mascots will be used during Sports Day and other key events to boost camaraderie and team spirit.

We hope you will join us in this fantastic venture and opportunity to leave a lasting impact on the school!

Thank you

School Council and Mrs Lake



Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

Term 1

October

16th (Mon) Early Years trip to Hargate Forest (afternoon)
18th (Wed) – 20th (Fri) Y6: Bowles
18th (Wed) Author visit KS1
19th (Thurs) Y2 Explorers Topic Day
19th (Thurs) Y3 and Y4 Rock Day
20th (Fri) Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card
20th (Fri) Last day of Term

Term 2

30th (Mon) Term 2 starts

November

1st (Wed) Y2 Guy Fawkes Theatre
2nd (Thurs) Phonics Presentation 2:30pm
9th (Thurs) School Photos: individual and siblings (school age only)
17th (Fri) Friendship Friday
28th (Tue) Y3D Sharing Assembly 9:15am
29th (Wed) Y1,2, 3 Pantomime (in school)
30th (Thurs) Y5L Sharing Assembly 9:15am

December

1st (Fri) Whole School Flu Vaccines
4th (Mon) Back to the Future Roadshow
5th (Tue) Rocksteady Christmas Concert
6th (Wed) Drama workshop EYs-Y3



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Wellbeing Team



We have been talking about our Mental Health in school this week. There have been many opportunities for the children and staff to talk and share how they are feeling. We do this on a daily basis in class by using the class Zones of Regulations which gives the children the chance to show how they feel.

It has been a very busy week with Parents Evening. The well-being team have treated every member of staff to a very well deserved treat. They received a mental health pack each and a delicious cupcake. The Wellbeing team are made up of the following staff: Jo Speight mental health lead , Mrs Crane, David Hill Chair of Governors, Mrs Coton, Sarah, Toni, Miss Horan.

If you have any thing that you would like support with please feel free to contact flo@st-marks.kent.sch.uk or contact the school office who will forward communication to me. Sarah

Nurture Group

In Nurture Group we have been discussing Mental Health. We have designed biscuits around how we feel and can express ourselves. It has helped the children to express just what is happening to them - all these funny feelings we have.



To finish off the session we made sandwiches, cake and crisps and enjoyed a picnic together. We spoke about how sometimes in busy households this is one of the only times you all get to talk about your day.

PTA Dunorlan Firework Tickets

The PTA are selling tickets to the Dunorlan Fireworks again this year! For every ticket we sell, the school will receive £1 per person (so a family ticket of 4 = £4 commission!). Please email secretaryn4@gmail.com to arrange or find one of us on the KS2 playgrounds at pickup times.

Advance prices are £6 for children 5-15, £10 for adults, £20 for 2 adults and 1 child or £25 for 2 adults and 2 children

The PTA page on the school website is up and running! Check it out for information about the PTA and all the exciting things planned:

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=St+Mark%27s+PTA&pid=22>

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y5 Lullingstone 100%

Punctuality: Y6 Rochester

Attendance for last week was 97.5% 😊

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Xavier	Being such a fantastic role model and friend in Camber Class
EYFS Windsor	Tanika	For her determination and 'have a go' attitude in our new learning this week!
Y1 Arundel	Emerson	For showing super resilience 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Ivy	Trusting herself to work independently and creating some amazing written work.
Y2 Leeds	Julie	For growing her confidence to share her ideas in classroom discussions.
Y2 Pevensey	Phoebe	For showing great friendship to those in need of a friend
Y3 Lewes	Joshua	For great effort towards concentration, when it is not always easy!
Y3 Deal	Tyler	For showing good friendship to others and for always trying his best
Y4 Dover	Isabella F	For her brilliant attitude to learning and persevering with her times tables
Y4 Farnham	Veronica	For demonstrating great friendship to her peers, being supportive and empathetic
Y5 Hever	Xavier	For trusting in his own abilities and becoming more confident to join in with class discussions.
Y5 Lullingstone	Tawhid	For an improved attitude towards his learning and a fantastic effort in Geography this week!
Y6 Rochester	Emmeline	Always going the extra mile and giving outstanding effort in lessons, courtesy and school life. Thank you.
Y6 Oxford	Caroline	For showing thankfulness all the time. A kind and thoughtful girl.
Nurture Group	The whole group	Their amazing approach to discussing our mental health

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher