



St Mark's C E Primary School

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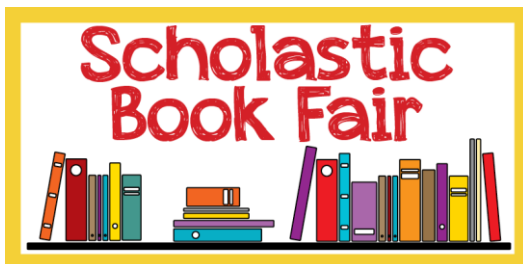
Dear Parents and Carers,

Odd sock Day



On Monday we are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks. This is an easy way to celebrate how we are all unique. This is to start 'Anti-bullying week', the theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying'. The children will be learning about this theme in assemblies over the week.

<https://youtu.be/VkU2xYJKQq4>



Scholastic Book Fair!

From Friday 17th - Thursday 23rd we are excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair! It will be open in the main hall from 2.45 - 3.45pm each day, so please come along, browse and buy some books. Perhaps it's an opportunity for some early Christmas shopping! The children will also have time in the school day to browse the books with their class. We can't wait to welcome you in and share some amazing books!

We are running a competition to win a **£5** voucher for the book fair! Design a poster to encourage everyone to come to the book fair! Maybe you can draw your favourite book cover or character. Please hand entries with your name and class on to Mrs Smith by **Monday 20th November**. Good luck!

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

November

13th (Mon) Odd sock day
13th (Mon) Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Cross Country Race at Skinners School
15th (Wed) Fire Safety Assemblies
17th (Fri) Friendship Friday
17th (Fri) Children in Need
17th – 23rd Scholastic Book Fair
17th (Fri) Football match home v Speldhurst
28th (Tue) Y3D Sharing Assembly 9:15am
29th (Wed) Y1,2, 3 Pantomime (in school)
30th (Thurs) Y5L Sharing Assembly 9:15am
30th (Thurs) ADHD tea & cake (invite only)

December

1st (Fri) Whole School Flu Vaccines
1st (Fri) PTA Own Clothes Day – bottle donations
1st (Fri) PTA Christmas Wreaths
4th (Mon) Bach to the Future
5th (Tue) Rocksteady Christmas Concert
6th (Wed) Drama workshop EYs-Y3
7th (Thurs) Y6 Ice Skating
8th (Fri) PTA Own Clothes Day – jolly jam jar and cake donations
10th (Sun) PTA Christmas Village
11th (Mon) Christmas Church Service
12th (Tue) Y4-Y6 Panto at Assembly Halls
13th (Wed) Christmas Lunch
13th (Wed) Christmas Jumper Day
13th (Wed) EYFS Christmas Production 9.30am
14th (Thur) KS1 Christmas Production 9.20 am and 2pm



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Children in Need, Friday 17th November

Children are invited to join in with Children in Need next Friday by wearing a spotty accessory with their usual school uniform (or PE kit if they have PE). Please note this is **NOT** an own clothes day but just a spotty accessory please.

If you would like to donate to the BBC appeal, the link is below:

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



Guy Fawkes Workshop

On Wednesday, November 1st, Year 2 attended an interactive Guy Fawkes workshop. The children enjoyed travelling back in time to 1605, and learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot



through role play, drama and debate. This kickstarted our History topic this term, where we are busy delving deeper into the topic. Feel free to ask your children what they know about Guy Fawkes!



Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day again this year. We will be inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers on 13th December when we have our Christmas lunch. The PTA have a collection of festive jumpers to loan for a small donation so please get in touch with them if you would to borrow.

Here is our Justgiving Link to make a donation. Thank you

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CJD230019131>

PTA Fundraising

- Thank you for buying tickets to this year's Dunorlan Fireworks through our PTA - and thank you to the Tunbridge Wells Round Table for partnering up with us once again! We made £46 in commission!
- **PTA Christmas Village**
It's a month to go until our Christmas Village event on 10 December! We are super excited getting things ready so please save the date and get in touch if you would like to get involved!
You can email us at secretarytn4@gmail.com or join our festive WhatsApp group here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Li4ZZcDzo5eHH9YeSmD7A4>

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y1 Arundel

Punctuality: Y3 Lewes

Attendance for last week was 94.87 % 😞 slightly under the required 95%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Mimi	For fantastic focus and participation in Maths and Phonics this week
EYFS Windsor	Leo	For having a 'can do' attitude and being so enthusiastic about school!
Y1 Arundel	Chloe	For showing super resilience in her learning this week!
Y1 Bodiam	Yusuf	For being a helpful member of the class
Y2 Leeds	Flo	For being resilient and participating in classroom discussions more.
Y2 Pevensey	Aya	For excellent focus and hard work in phonics
Y3 Lewes	Basil	For great participation in our drama session linked to the Iron Man story
Y3 Deal	Theo	For showing friendship to others and settling well into Deal class. Welcome Theo!
Y4 Dover	Franklin	For his evaluative thinking and explanation of thought processes in Maths. Great metacognition!
Y4 Farnham	Isabella	For showing dedication to achieving her writing target
Y5 Hever	Shumaila	For being a kind and helpful friend to those around her.
Y5 Lullingstone	Logan	For his fantastic focus and concentration during Maths this week. He has been working on perseverance!
Y6 Oxford	Maddie	For planning and producing an information poster on hurricanes with care and thought
Y6 Rochester	Lily	For showing bravery and resilience to create her own descriptive paragraph
Mr Smith PE	Jack and Manuel	For their team work to create a dance
Nurture Group	Ellie W	Always having outstanding manners and a caring nature towards her peers

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher