



St Mark's C E Primary School

17th November 2023

Newsletter No 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open afternoons

Are you wondering what your child has been doing in school recently?

Please come and join us for one of our open afternoons. This is an opportunity to visit the classroom and look through your child's books together.

Early Years = Wednesday 6th Dec 3.05-3.30pm

Year 1 = Wednesday 6th Dec 3.05-3.30pm

Year 2 = Tuesday 5th Dec 3.05-3.30pm

Year 3 = Tuesday 5th Dec 3.15-3.40pm

Year 4 = Tuesday 5th Dec 3.15-3.40pm

Year 5 = Wednesday 6th Dec 3.15-3.40pm

Year 6 = Thursday 7th Dec 3.15-3.40pm

We look forward to seeing you in school.



Cross Country Race

On Monday we had our first Cross Country race of the year. Competing against 11 other primary schools, the 21 strong team battled hard through mud, wooded areas and undulating terrain. Nye finished 3rd in the Year 5&6 boys' race, Sam G. 4th in the year 3&4 boys' race and Isabella H 6th in the Year 5&6 girls' race. We were very impressed with the effort and enthusiasm from all of the runners. It was lovely to see them enjoying themselves and crossing the finish line with smiles on their faces. Thank you once again to all the parents for bringing the children along to the race and supporting them during the event. Please can we ask that the St Mark's tops are returned to Mrs. Sheppard (Year 1 Bodiam).

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

November

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) Back 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

14th (Thurs) Y6 Crossteach

Christmas Experience

15th (Fri) last day of term

January

2nd (Tue) Inset day

3rd (Wed) Term 3 begins



Aspire, Believe, Succeed



Morning Break Healthy Snacks

As you may know, EYs and KS1 are given a piece of fruit for their morning break snack. KS2 are welcome to bring a snack to eat but please make sure it is healthy, such as a piece of fruit etc. Many thanks.

PTA News

- **PTA wreath-making session**

Come and join us with a glass of fizz to make Christmas wreaths with a qualified florist on Friday 1st December at 7:30pm! Tickets are £30 - please email secretarytn4@gmail.com to book!



- **PTA Christmas raffle tickets**

We have some wonderful prizes for our Christmas raffle, including from Trinity Theatre, Drusillas Park, the Warren, MegaCamps, as well as a £100 top cash prize! Tickets will be coming home with the children in their bags - tickets are £1 each and please return exact cash with ticket stubs in an envelope labelled 'PTA raffle' to the office or to a PTA member by 8 December. Tickets will also be on sale at the Christmas fair on 10 December. Good luck!

- **PTA Christmas Village donation dates**

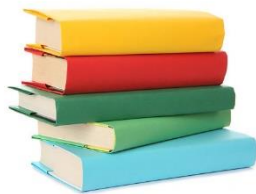
To get things ready for our Christmas Village, we are kindly asking families if they can bring in a bottle or like-new gift donations on Friday 1st December. These will help us to run the popular bottle tombola and our 'Elfridges' Store at the fair so please bring in any unopened drinks bottles or good-quality unused gifts (the children will be able to go in and buy and wrap a gift for Christmas Day).

Similarly, we are asking for any jolly jam jar and cake donations (no nuts please) on Friday 8th December. We will send more information soon about the jolly jam jar competition!

PTA helpers will be collecting on the playgrounds in the mornings!

- **PTA nativity hire and second-hand uniform**

We have some lovely costumes available for hire rather than buying new! Suggested donation of £2 - all of which goes back to the school! Please see our lovely catalogue attached. We will also be selling preloved uniform at the Christmas Village on 10 December!



Scholastic Book Fair!

From Friday 17th- Thursday 23rd we will excitingly 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!

Sibling Survey

We have set up a form on Parentmail to help us plan for next year. If you have a younger child joining us in September 2024 please complete the form by Friday 24th November.



World Nursery Rhyme Week

This week is World Nursery Rhyme Week! [World Nursery Rhyme Week 2023 \(piccolomusic.co.uk\)](http://piccolomusic.co.uk) Have a look at this link for the 5 songs that EY and KS1 have learnt this year. There are some fun games and activities you can also do to go along with the songs!

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>

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y6 Rochester

Punctuality: Y6 Oxford

Attendance for last week was 97.09 % 😊

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Dhriti	For her enthusiasm and confidence sharing her experiences of Diwali with Camber and Windsor
EYFS Windsor	Yash	For settling so well into Windsor class with a bright and positive attitude!
Y1 Arundel	Henry	Fantastic listening and putting his hand up to respectfully contribute to lessons
Y1 Bodiam	Joe	For his amazing acting as a policeman in our English lesson
Y2 Leeds	Delilah	For her enthusiasm in all areas of school life and being brave to share her feelings.
Y2 Pevensey	Zahid	For working hard and trying his best in reading lessons
Y3 Lewes	Tallulah	For showing fellowship and friendship to all her classmates
Y3 Deal	Orla	For expressing her ideas so beautifully through her creative writing
Y4 Dover	Alexandra	For articulating her thoughts in PSHE in a kind, considerate and respectful manner.
Y4 Farnham	Amena	For great enthusiasm in all her learning and during input
Y5 Hever	Annette	For always working hard and setting a great example to others
Y5 Lullingstone	Kayley	Her enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to try new things during Dance in P.E.
Y6 Oxford	Maria	For fellowship. Maria is such a positive, happy influence and we enjoy her company!
Y6 Rochester	Jayden	Super confidence and enthusiasm to trust in his ability to add and subtract fractions. Great progress!
Mr Smith PE	Hallie	For having the confidence to show her dance to her class
Nurture Group	Ayesha	For her caring attitude towards all

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher