



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Newsletter No 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Football Team



On Friday our boys' football team played against a very strong Speldhurst side. Even though we lost, the team put in a great effort and showed perseverance throughout the whole match. A goal by Ethan kept our spirits up. We are a young side, with eight of our players making their debut for St Mark's. However, we are confident that we can build on this performance and look forward to the rest of the season. Thank you to Mr Smith for coaching and refereeing.

Written by Anton.

Hair clips/decorations

Please can we kindly remind you that long hair should be tied up at all times. Plain, dark hair bands should be used only - no decorations, bows etc or claw clips are permitted in order to minimise the risk of damage or injury.

School Photos

Just to remind you that the deadline for ordering school photos on www.getphotos.co.uk is this Sunday at midnight. Please call Van Cols directly if you have any questions: 01206 273 711

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) 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
- 14th (Thurs) Y6 Crossteach Christmas Experience
- 15th (Fri) last day of term

January

- 2nd (Tue) Inset day
- 3rd (Wed) Term 3 begins

Term Dates on our website
www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to the Book Fair this week. It was great to see so many of you, we hope you enjoy the books - do let your teachers and classmates know if



you have any good recommendations! Well done to Ava, Flo, Phoebe, Maya and Veliyana who won our poster competition and

£5 to spend at the fair. We will be welcoming the Book Fair back in March, in time for World Book Day!



A.I.M. Writing Day

On Tuesday 21st November, Samihah and I visited St Barnabas Primary School, along with several other Year Fives and Sixes. There, we did a creative writing workshop with an author, whose name was Kathryn Evans. At the workshop, there were a few different schools, a mix of primary and secondary. The author showed us her method on how she writes her books, and we did many fun activities, such as making something ordinary into something wonderful and magical, simply with our words! We plotted our own stories, and explored character types. It was really interesting to see well-known and loved books like Harry Potter be broken up and dissected into simple story steps. We learned that we can know a lot about people by looking at their 'safe space' – we created a safe space for our own characters too! It was an incredible experience.

By Emmeline



Times Tables Rock Stars

We have had a message from Times Tables Rock Stars and several pupils are playing on very out-of-date versions of Times Tables Rock Stars in the last 7 days. It's important that they use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates. **Solution - if they're playing at home:** If using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise please update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store. Thank you.

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 Bodiam

Punctuality: Y2 Pevensey

Attendance for last week was 96.2 % 😊

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Ivy	For confidently sharing her creative ideas with her friends and encouraging them to develop their ideas.
EYFS Windsor	CJ	For his resilience and tackling new challenges with confidence!
Y1 Arundel	Sidney	For his exceptional knowledge and enthusiasm on our topic of 'Castles'
Y1 Bodiam	Nune	For writing an amazing letter to the Queen
Y2 Leeds	Leo	For focusing extra hard on his handwriting in all subjects.
Y2 Pevensey	Elsbeth	For sharing her amazing knowledge about Guy Fawkes in History
Y3 Lewes	Brandon	For working hard on his listening skills this week
Y3 Deal	Ruu	For learning her 3 and 4 multiplication tables. Well done, Ruu.
Y4 Dover	Toby	For persevering with his handwriting this week. Toby has an excellent attitude towards his learning
Y4 Farnham	Jeet	For showing enthusiasm for writing
Y5 Hever	Olivia	For trying her hardest to show fantastic classroom behaviours throughout the week
Y5 Lullingstone	Eddie	For asking thoughtful questions and explaining his thinking clearly during our English lessons
Y6 Oxford	Lexi	Lexi understands how she learns. She is tactful and smart about how she tackles any test papers. Great metacognition skills!
Y6 Rochester	Charis	Charis produced an exemplary scientific diagram of a series circuit
Mr Smith PE	Addison and Ned	For good understanding of vocabulary in dance this term
Nurture Group	Tallulah	For all her contributions in Nurture Group

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher