



# St Mark's C E Primary School

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Newsletter No 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely, peaceful Christmas.

## Wall of Excellence

Well done to the following children who have had their work displayed on our Wall of Excellence outside the school office:

EYs: Dhriti and Yash

Y1: Mason and Barnabas

Y2: Leila and Yunus

Y3: Rei and Annie

Y4: Arthur and Harvey

Y5: Shumaila and Isaac

Y6: Violet and Emmeline

Congratulations! Your work will remain here until the end of Term 4 for all our visitors to see!



## Dates to remember

Added dates in yellow

### January

8<sup>th</sup> (Mon) School Clubs start this week

12<sup>th</sup> (Fri) PJ day

17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Year 3 and 4 Rock Day

18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) **Census Day special menu**

19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Year 6 to the Amelia Centre

25<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y3 Rocca Trip

26<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Year 6 to the Amelia Centre

30<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Year 6 Oxford Sharing

Assembly 9:15 am

30<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Young Voices at the 02

30<sup>th</sup> (Tue) EYs Classes to Sainsbury's

### February

1<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) Y4D Sharing Assembly  
9:15am

1<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) **Year 5 Ancient Greece in-house visit**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

2<sup>nd</sup> (Fri) **Number Day (details to follow)**

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> **Children's Mental Health Week**

6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) AIM Writing Day at St Barnabas  
(selected children have been informed)

6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Safer Internet Day

9<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term 3 – Mid term reports

### Term 4

19<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Term 4 starts

26<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Parents Evening

29<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Parents Evening

Term Dates etc are on our website

[www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk)



**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

### **Terms 3 and 4 Clubs**

All parents have been notified if their child has a place at a school run club. If you have not received a confirmation parentmail then your child will be on a waiting list and we will notify you as soon as a space becomes available.

Some of our waiting lists are very large. If your child is lucky enough to have a place at a club, please encourage them to attend every week. If your child would prefer not to attend then please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer their place to another child.

All clubs will continue right up until Half Term and end on 9th February 2024.

Nature Makers will continue running on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15 and has a couple of places available. To book your place, please head to [www.nature-makers.co.uk/tunbridge-wells-tonbridge](http://www.nature-makers.co.uk/tunbridge-wells-tonbridge) and select after school clubs.

### **Year 6 Church Trip**



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, both year 6 classes walked up to St Mark's Church to complete some exciting activities with Crossteach. The challenges that we faced included going through three stations whilst answering questions from the worksheet.

A quote from Chloe from the first station, "We learnt that Mary was confused but she trusted God, so she felt safe."

For the second activity, Finley exclaimed, "On this activity, we explored how the shepherds felt after hearing about the New King."

"When we were doing the third activity, I enjoyed asking questions about the King's anger after hearing the news of a baby who could snatch his throne," said Cecily.

Finally, as a fourth activity we were sat down and watched a show: 'The Jerry Live Show', apart from three students, Maya, Finn and Finley who played the roles of Angel Gabriel, Joseph's mother and Joseph!

It was a really interesting and thoughtful way to retell the story of Christmas, and many thanks go to our friends at Crossteach.

By Cecily, Bettany, Finley and Lexi

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone that purchased a poppy for the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised £142.33 at St Mark's and the Poppy Appeal organiser thanked us very much for our support. The total amount raised by schools in Tunbridge Wells was over £7,900.

### **Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality**

On Fridays we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:  
Extra playtime goes to:

**Attendance:** Y3 Deal

**Punctuality:** Y4 Dover

Attendance for last week (before Christmas) was 92.2% 😞

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

EYFS Camber	Colby	For showing great fellowship and being involved in all of our learning this week!
EYFS Windsor	Dea-Rose	For being a great friend in class and coming back to school with such positivity!
Y1 Arundel	Addy	For his super effort and attitude towards his learning. 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Ethan	For developing his confidence in writing sentences in English this week 😊
Y2 Leeds	Stanley	For super contributions and being enthusiastic in his learning.
2 Pevensey	Avery	Persevering with his work and being a good friend to others.
Y3 Lewes	Rachel	For showing greater confidence in herself and sharing her opinions to the whole class
Y3 Deal	Matilda	For being a fantastic member of Deal class, for always smiling, helping others and giving every lesson 100%. Superb!
Y4 Dover	Luke K	For always taking great pride in his presentation
Y4 Farnham	Jess C	For showing great fellowship by supporting her peers
Y5 Hever	Hever class	For showing friendship to each other by supporting each other and having a great start to the term
Y5 Lullingstone	Trevor	For settling in well to Lullingstone Class and making new friends
Y6 Rochester	Nancy	For role model behaviour as Head Girl and for helping others in an emotionally intelligent way
Y6 Oxford	Kurtis	For showing a highly impressive accurate and rapid mathematical brain which, he kindly uses to support others

**Congratulations to each and every one of you 😊**

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher