



St Mark's C E Primary School

26th January 2024

Newsletter No 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 Trip to Rocca

As part of our geography topic Countries around the World Year 3 children and parents took over Rocca Turkish Restaurant on Thursday enjoying a fantastic lunch together.



We tucked into delicious shish kebabs, kofte, Mediterranean pasta, falafel with warm Turkish breads and salads! Mrs Speight and I would like to say how proud we are of the manners and behaviour of all the children.



Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

January

30th (Tue) Year 6 Oxford Sharing

Assembly 9:15 am

30th (Tue) Young Voices at the 02

30th (Tue) EYs Classes to Sainsbury's

February

1st (Thurs) Y4D Sharing Assembly
9:15am

1st (Thurs) Year 5 Ancient Greece in-house visit

2nd (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am

2nd (Fri) Number Day

5th – 9th Children's Mental Health Week

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

6th (Tue) Safer Internet Day

9th (Fri) Chinese New Year Celebration
Day

9th (Fri) Girl's Team Football match at
Langton Green

9th (Fri) Last day of term 3 – Mid term
reports

12th -16th Half Term - Megacamps

Term 4

19th (Mon) Term 4 starts

21st (Wed) Author Workshop Y2, Y3, Y4

21st (Wed) Girl's Team Football match
at home v St Augustine's

26th (Mon) Parents Evening

29th (Thurs) Parents Evening

March

1st – 7th Scholastic Book Fair

5th (Tue) Y2 trip: Wakehurst Place

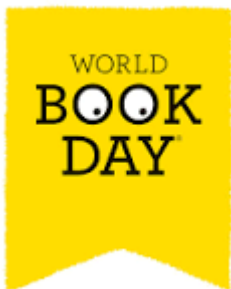
7th (Thurs) World Book Day



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Year 6 Amelia Centre

Last Friday, year 6 were treated to an educational visit to The Amelia Centre. We spent time learning about Darwin, evolution and adaptation. There were skulls, fossils, taxidermized animals, games and an opportunity to delve in to artefacts within their museum. The learning was hands on and fun, so we can't wait to go back this Friday coming and learn about Tunbridge Wells during WW2!

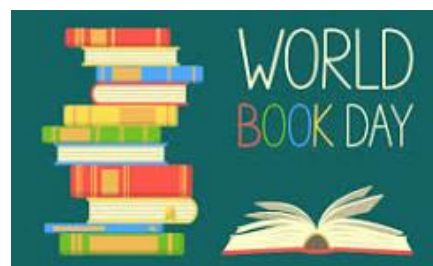


World Book day – 7th March 2024

World Book day is back! Please make a note in your diary.

We would love everyone to come dressed as a character from their favourite book so please start thinking about what you would like to come as. Be as imaginative and creative as you dare.

We can't wait to see you all! Watch this space for more information coming soon.



Measles

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

- [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
- [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

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: EYs Windsor

Attendance for last week was 95.4% 😊

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Hamish	For becoming increasingly more confident in expressing his views and ideas
EYFS Windsor	Isla	For her perseverance and focus on her Reading this week
Y1 Arundel	Vlad	For working really hard to improve the quality of his writing
Y1 Bodiam	Scarlett	For her fantastic efforts to learning and always trying her hardest
Y2 Leeds	Daisy	For brilliant focus in all of her lessons and for always being eager to help her friends.
Y2 Pevensey	Yunus	For always aiming high and having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Y3 Lewes	Sumayah	A joy to have in class, an excellent role model for her peers!
Y3 Deal	Kyla	Excellent creative writing
Y4 Dover	Elie	For demonstrating thankfulness, kindness and respect with his excellent manners to all
Y4 Farnham	Sam	For supporting new members to Farnham Class and setting a good example
Y5 Hever	Lucia	For showing kindness to others in class by supporting them with their learning
Y5 Lullingstone	Amelia W-B	For her fantastic effort and concentration in Maths this week. Keep it up!
Y6 Oxford	Maya	A lovely attitude to learning and to helping others. A valuable asset to year 6
Y6 Rochester	Ned	A wonderful improvement in presentation, beautifully showcased in an informative double-page spread about Humanism

Congratulations to each and every one of you 😊

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher