



St Mark's C E Primary School

9th February 2024

Newsletter No 20

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 3 draws to a close, we hope all our staff and families can enjoy a well deserved break.

Dragon Competition

Happy Chinese New Year! We are all very excited about welcoming in the year of the dragon. Our House Captains have organised an art competition to celebrate. We would like you to draw or design a dragon of your choice. You have all of half term and the first week back afterwards to enter your dragon. Please make sure you include your name, class and your house on it, and hand it in to your teacher before Friday 23rd February. The winner will receive 88 house points towards their house! Gong Hei Fat Choy!



Drawing by Hesara

SENCo Surgery Dates

Mrs Coton, our SENCo will be holding her SENCo surgeries on the following dates:

Term 4 - Tuesday 5th March

Term 5 - Tuesday 23rd April

Term 6 - Thursday 6th June

Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment.

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

February

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) Piano Assembly
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March

1st - 7th Scholastic Book Fair
5th (Tue) Y2 trip: Wakehurst Place
5th (Tue) **SENCo Surgery**
7th (Thurs) World Book Day
7th (Thurs) Girl's football team away to Skinners Kent Primary
12th (Tue) Science Visits
19th (Tue) Y2 Leeds Sharing Assembly 9:15 am
20th (Wed) Y4 Roman Workshop
21st (Thurs) Y1 Arundel Sharing Assembly 9:15 am
22nd (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am
25th (Mon) Easter Church Service

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



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

St Mark's Community Larder

We would like to assist St Mark's Community Larder by donating items that they may be running low on. The Community Larder is a vital service offered to our community which is being used more and more. Each week we will let you know what they need and, if you are able to help, please drop in your donations to the school office.



This week any donations of **tinned soup or cereals** would be gratefully received.

Many thanks for your support.



Mental Health Week

It is Children's Mental Health this week. This year the focus is 'Your Voice Matters'. St Mark's has a Wellbeing Team that includes staff from across the school to support the wellbeing of children, parents and staff. If we are able to support in any way please get in contact.

Please see attached tips.

In the Summer Term we will be having a first aid/ mental health focus across the school and would love for any parents working in these sectors to come in and speak to their child's class or another class about their jobs. If you are a nurse, doctor, paramedic, dentist, optician or emergency service worker I would love to hear from you. This could include a demonstration / short talk or answering the children's questions about your skills.

Mrs Speight (Y3 Lewes and Senior Mental Health Lead)

Nature Makers Club

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15pm

All Ages

There are still a few places available for Term 4 Nature Makers after school club. Each week we cover a different seasonal theme through art, crafts and games. The days are getting longer and we are outside most weeks again. However, in the event of bad weather, we do have use of an indoor space, so your children can craft whatever the weather.

To book your place, head to www.nature-makers.co.uk/tunbridge-wells-tonbridge or email ruth@nature-makers.co.uk

Thank you,
Ruth

Nut Free School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Please can children not bring any nut bars, peanut butter or chocolate nut spreads to school. This includes clubs that take place after school.



Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: EY Windsor

Punctuality: Y4 Farnham

Attendance for last week was down slightly at 93.7%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Josh	For the fantastic effort he puts into his learning every day!
EYFS Windsor	Dima	For settling in to Windsor class so beautifully and with a big smile on her face always!
Y1 Arundel	Mason	For his amazing fact family knowledge in Maths this week
Y1 Bodiam	Zayn	For his positive attitude to learning and always trying his best
Y2 Leeds	Vinnie	For a great attitude to learning and super enthusiasm when making our penguin booklets
Y2 Pevensey	Ansel	For his positivity, enthusiasm and excellent work ethic
Y3 Lewes	Ruben M	For persevering with his handwriting with his letter to a famous person linked to our dreams and goals topic
Y3 Deal	Alex	For working hard in his daily phonics lesson, which has resulted in excellent reading progress
Y4 Dover	Eva	For her fantastic participation and enthusiasm in Maths this week
Y4 Farnham	Jonas	For always being so polite towards adults and his peers
Y5 Hever	Georgia	For trying her hardest in her learning this term, showing a growing maturity and positive attitude
Y5 Lullingstone	Zainab	For being an engaged learner who listens attentively and always tries to do her best, no matter the subject
Y6 Oxford	Finn	For always sharing his knowledge generously and excellent manners
Y6 Rochester	Nye	For concentrating and working well in Maths and English
Nurture Group	Jayden B	For being adventurous and trying new things in Nurture Group

Congratulations to each and every one of you J

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher