



# St Mark's C E Primary School

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Y2 Leeds and Y1 Arundel on their Sharing Assemblies this week – we hope parents enjoyed them.

### King Charles III

Like many schools, we have had the pleasure of receiving a portrait of King Charles. We have proudly hung him up in the main office foyer.



### Staff Matters

We say goodbye next week to Mrs Martin – thank you for all your help in Year 5 Lullingstone. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Saville-Smith back to the class after her maternity leave.

### Red Nose Day

Last Friday we invited children to wear red to school in support of Red Nose Day. Donations were made to our Just Giving page and we are pleased to say we raised £360 for this valuable cause. Thank you.

Dates to remember  
Added dates in yellow

### Term 4

#### March

23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) Litter Pick 2pm  
25<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Easter Church Service  
27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Last day of term  
28<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Inset Day

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Mega Camps at St Mark's

### Term 5

15<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Term 5 starts  
19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) Class photographs  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) Y1 trip to Garden Centre  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) SENCo Surgery – please contact the office to make appointments  
30<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Tag Rugby Festival

### May

1<sup>st</sup> (May) Rapid Fire Cricket  
2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Y3 and Y4 Rock Day  
6<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Bank Holiday – no school  
8<sup>th</sup> (Wed) KS1 Lambing visit  
13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> SATs Y6  
16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Summer Census  
21<sup>st</sup> (Tue) Y3 Lewes Sharing Assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed) Y5 Peer Mediator Training  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) Y1 Bodiam Sharing Assembly  
24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y5 Peer Mediator Training  
24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) End of term

Term Dates etc are on our website  
[www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk)



**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

## Year 4 Roman Day



On Wednesday, a Roman legionnaire came to talk to Year 4 about the Roman empire and their emperors. We were even shown some Roman artefacts. Additionally, we watched each other in gladiator fights, we built shield walls in Roman defensive

positions and we learnt how to throw javelins. Some people even got to try on armour that Roman soldiers would have worn. Everybody had lots of fun!

Written by Franklin



## Year 6 Easter Experience

On Monday morning, we all walked up to St Mark's church to take part in the Easter Experience hosted by the staff of Cross Teach. Oxford Class went first and Rochester Class followed after them for the second session. Once we arrived at the church, we were introduced to the task of finding out 'Who Killed This Man?'. It was a way for us to understand a little bit more about how Jesus met his death and we had to look for clues from those that were around him at the time of his sentencing and crucifixion. It really helped us to imagine how it must've been for Jesus to know his fate and to be 'OK' and calm about it, knowing that his role was to die for the people on Earth; that it was God's plan.

Here are some photos of our experience.



## School Clubs

Just a reminder that free school led clubs will not be running next week. Details of clubs in Terms 5 & 6 will be sent out shortly. Term 5 clubs will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Term 6 will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and end on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.



### **Science Week Competition Results**

On Monday lunchtime, the Year 6 House Captains met for the judging of the Science Week Competition entries. There were some superbly creative designs and many of the time machines had been excellently explained! We had a whole range of ideas from bikes, trees, machines and animals to choose from! Below are the 5 top machines that showed creativity, an understanding of time and careful design elements.

Finley R - Deal  
Oscar G - Arundel  
Jayden H - Bodiam  
Robbie P - Dover  
Ethan G - Deal

Well done to these children and many thanks to the parents of all of those who took part for your support in bringing their ideas to life.

### **Copper the school dog**

Copper has been into school over the last few terms getting to know the children and his environment. He has had great fun getting lots of strokes from the children. He has been visiting them in their classrooms and showing them how to behave around dogs. He has shown off a few tricks and enjoyed watching their learning. He has joined in a PE lesson, watched Arundel practise their assembly and walked the mile with some of the classes! He would like to say a big thank you to all the children and staff for helping him to settle in school and is looking forward to next term and all the exciting times ahead!



### **Inhalers held at school**

We have been notified by the NHS that inhalers held at school need taking home periodically for cleaning purposes. If we hold an inhaler for your child at school, we would therefore be grateful if you could collect it from the school office on or before Wednesday 27th March (last day of term) to enable you to wash at home and return on 15th April (first day of Term 5).

This process will then be repeated at each term end.

## **PTA News**

### **PTA Summer Fair**

We are busy getting ready for the fair on 18 May! We do need more helpers as we would like to run more stalls to FUNdraise so please join us on this WhatsApp group.

Every little helps to make this event happen, from planning in the run up to helping with a stall on the day!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CTtVhLAsluZGKnt7xdS8Jq>

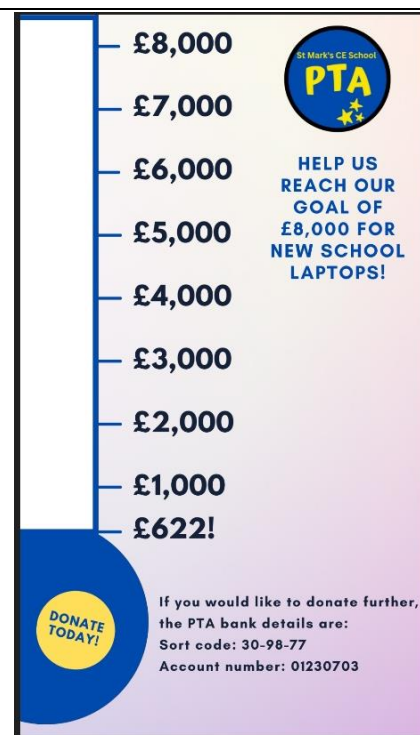
### **PTA News**

We have updated our section on the school website so please do check here for more details on upcoming events!

<https://www.st-marks.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=St+Mark%27s+PTA&pid=22>

### **Preloved Uniform**

Don't forget that we have good stock of preloved uniform. Please see attached for more details.



## **School Health**

Kent School Health can provide support for a range of different issues for children from ages four to nineteen. Some of the things they can help with are:

- Help with sleep
- Health
- Lifestyle
- Children's behaviour
- Starting school (both Primary and Secondary Schools)

For more information visit the website detailed below.



## **Children's Centres**

Please see below for information regarding Kent Children's Centre. This link will be updated each week.

**Please CLICK this link to see this week's SWAY** showing you everything that's going on in our Children's Centres and within the local community along with lots of useful information for yourself and your family.

### Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

<b>Attendance:</b> Y6 Oxford
<b>Punctuality:</b> Y1 Arundel
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> 95.1%

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

EYFS Camber	Winter	For always being kind and caring to whoever she meets.
EYFS Windsor	Bobby	For being so careful and kind with our chicks this week!
Y1 Arundel	Henley	For making a positive impact and contributing a sparkly personality to Arundel class.
Y1 Bodiam	Joe	For brilliant effort in maths this week.
Y2 Leeds	Noah	For making thoughtful choices and engaging positively in his learning.
Y2 Pevensey	Sienna	For her determination to improve her mental maths.
Y3 Lewes	Brooke	For showing great perseverance in PE this week.
Y3 Deal	Sienna	For improvements in her focus and engagement in lessons! Well done.
Y4 Dover	Yusuf	For consistently modelling all of our school values.
Y4 Farnham	Cary	For always listening and demonstrating respect to all adults and his peers.
Y5 Hever	Stefan	For trusting in his abilities and making fantastic progress in his reading.
Y5 Lullingstone	Amiyah	For showing perseverance and determination during Maths lessons this week.
Y6 Oxford	Bettany	Self-awareness and being constantly aware of her targets and her learning needs.
Y6 Rochester	Samihah	Consistently making good progress and endeavouring to always do her very best in English.
Nurture Group	Ethan G	Always being kind, polite and respectful.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher