



# St Mark's C E Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 5 - I hope you all had a restful Easter holiday!

Whilst the weather is still changeable, please can children come to school with (named) coats.

### 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: Louis and Evie  
Y1: Oscar and Monty  
Y2: Veliyana and Iris  
Y3: Orla and Jacob  
Y4: Franklin and Jess  
Y5: Hannah and Trevor  
Y6: Finley and Charis

Congratulations! Your work will remain here until the end of Term 6 for all our visitors to see!



### Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who wore red and donated to Red Nose Day recently. We raised £360 so thank you for your support.

Dates to remember  
Added dates in yellow

### Term 5

#### April

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  
10<sup>th</sup> (Fri) PTA: Own clothes day – bottle and pre-loved toy donations  
13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> SATs Y6  
16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Summer Census  
17<sup>th</sup> (Fri) PTA: Crazy hair (with school uniform) – chocolate/cake donation  
18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) PTA: School Fair 11 am – 2pm  
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**

### **Read to succeed**

We were delighted to hold our first *Hot chocolate party* in recognition of reading 150 times just before the Easter break.

The children had a lovely time drinking hot chocolate, enjoying chocolatey treats and playing a range of games.



We look forward to hosting similar parties for children as they reach this reading milestone.



The reading cabinet continues to be busy and we are hopeful that this week there will be lots more visitors to claim their reward after a busy Easter of reading.



Thanks to Khadeejah in Year 6 I enjoyed reading *The book of stolen dreams* by David Farr. This had been her book choice when she reached 100 reads and was kind enough to lend it to me when she had finished.

Keep reading!  
Mrs Crane

### **Parking reminder**

Several parents have recently complained about parking. May we please remind everyone that when parking to drop off your children or to collect them, please do not park over the dropped curb outside the gates – this causes children to have to weave in between parked cars when crossing the road and is dangerous. Please find a safe place to park your car.

### **Children's Centres**

Please see below for information regarding Kent Children's Centre. This link will be updated each week. [Click here](#)



## **PTA News**

Welcome back after the Easter break – we hope you had a relaxing one? There is a LOT going on this term so here are a few highlights;

- **GOOD LUCK** to the mini-marathon runners this weekend! A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored and donated so far – the current total is at a whopping **£1,180!** There's still a chance to sponsor them – can we reach our target of £1,500??? <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/london-mini-marathon/>
- **PRE-LOVED UNIFORM** sale will be held after school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the outdoor classroom by the main school entrance. If you cannot make this date, and would like to order second hand uniform please contact Shelly Kerr Black on 07908 919 938
- Check your ParentMail for details about the Summer Fair – please do join the Whats App group:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CTtVhLAsluZGKnt7xdS8Jq>
- Keep up to date by following the Facebook Page for fundraising and event updates:  
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksTWPTA>



### **Litter Picking around our local area**

Last Saturday, a dedicated group of parents and their children braved the rain for our spring clean-up day. Together, we managed to collect around 8 bags of litter, sprucing up the area around our school.


Besides tackling litter, we also focused on clearing away leaves, improving the look of our school entrance. This fantastic effort marks the beginning of what we hope will become an annual spring tradition at St. Mark's.

Huge thanks to everyone involved.

### 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> Y3 Lewes
<b>Punctuality:</b> EY Windsor
<b>This week's Attendance:</b> 96.1% 

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

EYFS Camber	Kiansh	For a great first week at St Marks. He has settled in so well!
EYFS Windsor	Dima	For fantastic efforts in Phonics this week!
Y1 Arundel	Oscar	For working systematically in Maths when looking for ways to group the number 12. Also, for identifying our plants really carefully.
Y1 Bodiam	Zayn	For his positive attitude and brilliant effort in maths this week.
Y2 Leeds	Amber	For always being a super learner in class and being polite to everyone!
Y2 Pevensey	Jessica	For persevering with her reading and making great improvements.
Y3 Lewes	Katie	For showing friendship and compassion to her classmate.
Y3 Deal	Hollie	For her positive attitude and improved focus.
Y4 Dover	Stephanie	For her fantastic effort and perseverance with decimal numbers in Maths.
Y4 Farnham	Vanessa	For consistently being polite, friendly and thankful.
Y5 Hever	Oliver	For settling in so well to St. Marks.
Y5 Lullingstone	Lara	For always listening attentively and contributing thoughtfully to our English lessons.
Y6 Oxford	Ethan	For beginning to show signs of metacognition and understanding how he best learns.
Y6 Rochester	Alex C	For showcasing his impressive artistic flair to beautifully illustrate the story of the Exodus while working as a team.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher