



St Mark's C E Primary School

10th May 2024

Newsletter No 29

Dear Parents and Carers,



Farmer John

On Wednesday, KS1 had the delightful Farmer John and Rosie come in with his kids and Lambs. The children and adults had a wonderful time learning about what these animals produce as well as the uses for their wool and milk. We found out some super facts!



We all got to stroke and some of us even got to feed them their morning bottles. It was a very exciting day and we want to thank the school for funding such a great experience for the children. Mrs Kington

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

Term 5

May

13th – 16th SATs Y6
13th -16th Y6 Big Breakfast
16th (Thurs) Summer Census
17th (Fri) PTA: Crazy hair (with school uniform) – chocolate/cake donation
17th (Fri) Y6 to Calverley Park
18th (Sat) PTA: School Fair 11 am – 2pm
21st (Tue) Y3 Lewes Sharing Assembly
21 (Tue) Y5 Trip to the mosque
22nd (Wed) Y5 Peer Mediator Training
23rd (Thurs) Y1 Bodiam Sharing Assembly
23rd (Thurs) **ASC Coffee Afternoon**
24th (Fri) Y5 Peer Mediator Training
24th (Fri) **Colour Run – details to follow**
24th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting
24th (Fri) End of term

June

3rd (Mon) Inset Day

Term 6

4th (Tue) Term starts
5th (Wed) Y3 and Y4 Rock Day
5th (Wed) St Greg's Roadshow
6th (Thurs) SENCo Surgery – book in with the office
7th (Fri) St Mark's Get Set Go Day (PTA)
11th (Tue) AIM High Writing Day (for invited children)
14th (Fri) Y6 Shakespeare Workshop

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



Aspire, Believe, Succeed



Mr Bird's Triathlon

Having talked to children about how we all set targets to work towards and challenge ourselves, I decided to take part in the Tonbridge Sprint Triathlon. It took place on Monday morning (the weather could have been better!). I completed the course in a personal best. This shows that we can all Aspire, Believe, Succeed!

Tunbridge Wells Literary Festival

On Thursday 9th May some children from Year 5 went to the Assembly Halls to listen and join in activities with well-known author and illustrator, Liz Pichon, who wrote the Tom Gates series of books.



As part of the audience, the children helped to create a drawing of a monster; drew their own Tom Gates picture with Liz; they played games involving 'guess the empty caramel wrapper' and lots of advice on tips on writing and drawing your own illustrations.

Isabella fed back that she learned a lot about illustrations and writing and that it was a fun morning that she enjoyed. Shumaila also reported that it was a fun morning and that she was glad she went, but the walk was tiring! All the children were brilliant, and it was great to see Liz Pichon at the assembly halls. Mrs Coton

PTA News

Thank you all for your donations for the toy tombola and bottle tombola ...only ONE WEEK to go until the Summer Fair.

Next Friday 17th May is "CRAZY HAIR" day (with uniform) in exchange for:

ST MARK'S SUMMER FAIR

KS2- Cake donations on 17th May

On May 17th, please can KS2 children bring in a donation for the cake stall - cupcakes, a whole cake; shop bought, home made...we don't mind! Just no nuts please.

Your reward is:
CRAZY HAIR DAY!
(still wear uniform though!)

ST MARK'S SUMMER FAIR

KS1 - Chocolate Tombola donations on 17th May

Please bring in something chocolatey for the chocolate tombola. It can be big or small, box or bar, multi or single - a nice mix makes for a fun game!

Your reward is:
CRAZY HAIR DAY!
(still wear uniform though!)

And don't forget we are on the playground selling bouncy castle wristbands and climbing wall wrist bands - have you got yours?

Last reminders: please return your raffle tickets to the office (used or unused) and VOLUNTEERS still needed!

Children's Centres

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

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y1 Arundel and Y1 Bodiam 100%
Punctuality: Y6 Oxford
This week's Attendance: 96.3%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Ethan	For his enthusiasm when sharing his knowledge of caring for our environment.
EYFS Windsor	Rita	For being a considerate and fair friend in Windsor class.
Y1 Arundel	Emerson	For showing perseverance and stamina to improve his writing! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Oliver	For always exhibiting beautiful manners.
Y2 Leeds	Julia	For being super resilient in her work and always completing it to a high standard.
Y2 Pevensey	Harriet	For going above and beyond in her school day and bringing positivity into the classroom.
Y3 Lewes	Reuben D	For making a conscious effort to focus on our learning this week.
Y3 Deal	Karina	For excellent progress in Maths and for supporting others. Well done!
Y4 Dover	Jules	For settling back into class brilliantly this week. Well done!
Y4 Farnham	Antoni	For always working well with his peers and demonstrating fellowship
Y5 Hever	Penny	For her enthusiastic contributions to her Maths lessons.
Y5 Lullingstone	Kayley	For her renewed focus and attention during English this week with character description.
Y6 Oxford	Hesara	For excellent talk partnering showing Friendship and Fellowship.
Y6 Rochester	Jessica	For showing super dedication to make good progress through sustained focus and drive to complete challenge tasks.

Congratulations to each and every one of you

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher