



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Newsletter No 28

Dear Parents and Carers,

Read to Succeed



Our reading project continues to grow in strength and we thought it would be good to share how things are going.

When we collated reading at home data last week we found the following:

176 children have been to collect a book from the cabinet for 100 reads.

71 children have taken part/are about to take part in a hot chocolate party celebrating 150 reads

13 children have visited the book cabinet for a second time for 200 reads.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for funding our book cabinet. Without their support this fabulous project simply wouldn't be possible.

If you have not yet been one of 'mystery readers' please do sign up and join us on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.40pm. Our aim with this initiative is to show our children that we are all readers and to share pleasure in reading books.

Our staff go across school being mystery readers themselves in different classes too.

Keep reading
Mrs Crane and Mrs Coton

Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

Term 5

May

6th (Mon) Bank Holiday – no school

8th (Wed) KS1 Lambing visit

8th (Wed) Y3/4 **Dynamo Cricket Tournament**

9th (Thurs) Y5 – Literary Festival

9th (Wed) Y5/6 **Quick Cricket Tournament**

10th (Fri) PTA: Own clothes day – bottle and pre-loved toy donations

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

24th (Fri) Y5 Peer Mediator Training

24th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting

24th (Fri) End of term

June

3rd (Mon) Inset Day

Term 6

4th (Tue) Term starts

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



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PTA News

The Summer Fair is fast approaching! Don't forget to return your **raffle tickets** to the office for a chance to win some of the fabulous prizes (please also return unwanted ones too).

VOLUNTEERS for 30 mins on a stall are still needed! Please make contact via your what's app groups or this link:

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



**ST MARK'S
SUMMER FAIR**

Its TOY and BOTTLE donation day
on May 10th

On May 10th, please bring in a donation
of good quality 2nd hand toys for the toy
tombola, or an unopened bottle of
something nice for the bottle tombola!

Your reward is:
NON-UNIFORM DAY!



Y1/Y2 Rapid Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday we took a team of Y1 and Y2's to a rapid cricket tournament. It was the first time we had taken part in rapid cricket and it was a bit of a learning curve, for the children and staff. The team battled hard and won their first three games, only being beaten in the final game by the eventual winners. When the final scores were tallied, St. Marks were placed 3rd, out of 7 teams.

We would like to say a massive well done to the children taking part, we were very

impressed by their team spirit, behaviour and the way they chased after every ball with smiles on their faces, even when they were quite tired by the end. A big thank you to those who took the children to and from Skinners, without you we would not be able to attend such fun and exciting events.



Girl's Football Team

On Tuesday this week, the girl's football team played a match against St Augustine's. We played our hardest, but it was a sad loss of 2-0. Our best player and 'Woman of the Match' was Maya, our keeper who made some great saves. At the end of the match we shook their hands in honour of playing with them, and congratulated them on their victory. All our players are really talented: Lois, Maya, Elise, Maria, Isabella, Chloe, Lexi, Nancy and Ava.

Our team hopes we win the next one.

Written by Maya, Elise and Ava.

Children's Centres

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

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church invite you to a special service with the Bishop of Rochester and Archdeacon of Tonbridge this Saturday 4th at 4pm. Over the last five years St Mark's has had a priest-in-charge, currently Reverend Claire. Now as the church community has grown, St Mark's will again have a vicar. After advertisement and interview, the Bishop of Rochester has appointed Reverend Claire as vicar and on Saturday she will be licensed to start this role. The celebration service will be followed with cakes and refreshments! All are welcome.

Lunch box Reminder

Just a reminder that if your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is a **healthy and balanced** packed lunch – no nuts or chocolate bars please. We are seeing an increasing number of chocolate bars – chocolate biscuits from the biscuit aisle of supermarkets are permitted but NO chocolate bars or sweets.

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance: Y4 Farnham
Punctuality: Y2 Pevensey
This week's Attendance: 95.1%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Misha	For being a polite and caring member of Camber class. You have settled in so well Misha, well done!
EYFS Windsor	Holly	For such a brilliant attitude to learning. Holly always has her hand up and always tries her very best!
Y1 Arundel	Henley	For always having a smile and being a polite and caring member of Arundel class!
Y1 Bodiam	Olivia	For working hard and as a result making excellent progress in her phonics.
Y2 Leeds	Lucie	For fantastic contributions and a lovely positive attitude at school.
Y2 Pevensey	Iris	For all the hard work and effort she puts into her learning. She is always aiming high.
Y3 Lewes	Hamnah	For her hard work and determination to always produce her best work.
Y3 Deal	Nirivi	For her kind and helpful approach towards others.
Y4 Dover	Arthur	For his fantastic participation in class and for always being up for a challenge!
Y4 Farnham	Kevin	For his continued enthusiasm to participate in class discussions.
Y5 Hever	Emily	For her positive attitude to learning and trying hard in all subjects.
Y5 Lullingstone	Tawhid	For making a huge effort to ensure that all of his work has been completed and of a high standard.
Y6 Oxford	Jack	For thinking about his learning when he wrote a narrative this week. Jack is becoming more confident and independent.
Y6 Rochester	Cody	For always being the ideal St Mark's role model who is a super mentor for our younger pupils thanks to his deep sense of respect for all, confidence and positive outlook.
Nurture Group	Jess J	For sharing her honest thoughts and feelings.

Congratulations to each and every one of you

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher