



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Newsletter No 31

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what an fantastic Summer Fair we had last weekend! Thank you so much to the PTA for all the organisation they did and we really hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did!

Year 5 Trip to the Mosque



On Tuesday, Year 5 went to visit the local Mosque, ahead of their term 6 RE learning on Islam.

The children were fantastically behaved in the Mosque and listened with curiosity to the Imam. They learnt so much about the religion, and had the opportunity to explore different areas of the Mosque and many items used in prayer, such as a Misbaha (Islamic prayer beads) and the Quaran (The Islamic holy book).



Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

Term 6

June

- 3rd (Mon) Inset Day
- 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)
- 13th (Thurs) Y3/4 Cricket Tournament
- 14th (Fri) Y6 Shakespeare Workshop
- 19th (Wed) Y6 Rochester Cathedral visit
- 20th and 21st June Y6 Bikeability
- 21st (Fri) Hot Chocolate Party (invite only)
- 24th (Mon) Year 6 to The Pantiles
- 25th (Tue) EYFS Blackberry Farm Trip
- 26th (Wed) Y3 Nile School Shakers
- 27th (Thurs) Y1 trip to Eastbourne
- 27th (Thurs) Y4 trip to Howletts
- 27th and 28th Y6 Bikeability

July

- 1st (Mon) Y6 to Kent Police Open Day
- 2nd (Tue) Y4 Farnham Sharing Assembly 9:15 am
- 4th (Thurs) Y5 Hever Sharing Assembly 9:15 am
- 12th (Fri) Y5 Trip to Tower of London

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



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

PTA News

Summer Fair

What a day! The rain held off and the sun shone over us as we tombola'ed, rode donkeys, had our hair done, chilled out in the Zen Den, enjoyed amazing food and entertainment, played games, bounced,



climbed, and generally had a



fantastic time. Thank you to all who came along and spent money and/or helped out in any way at all. It was a massive team effort between parents, staff, and pupils, and we couldn't have asked for any more. We will let you know how much we made soon - and how close we are to getting those laptops!

Before the fair we set you all a challenge to raise £50 just by soaking Mr Bird, and if you did the whole school would be rewarded with a picnic before the end of term. We added a couple of goals because we were so sure you would manage it - £75 would get you ice pops after school one day from the PTA, and £100 would mean that Mr Bird would allow people to throw buckets of water over him! Well, you hit the £100 target! So, not only do you all get a picnic next term AND ice pops from the PTA, but please enjoy this picture of one of the



many buckets of water that were thrown over Mr Bird's head!



If you haven't seen the rest of the photos yet, you can see them on our public Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksTWPTA>) and on our Facebook group that is just for

parents: (www.facebook.com/groups/180608915637991).

Tunbridge Wells Yard Sale

On 8th June we are going to be part of the Tunbridge Wells Yard Sale! The KS2 playground will be opened up as a little boot fair. £10 will secure you a space (bring your own table or just use your car boot) and you keep all your profit. Come on - get that summer decluttering kick-started! Email secretarytn4@gmail.com to secure your spot. Places are limited, so don't delay!

Natural World Poetry Competition

Special announcement...!

School Council proudly announces the launch of our whole school Natural World Poetry Competition.

Poetry competition details:

Theme –the natural world, for example: flowers, plants, animals, oceans, seasons, mountains, weather, jungle, deserts.

Structure: your choice, for example: Haiku, free verse, rhyming, acrostic

Deadline - Friday 14th June, handed in to Mrs Lake or your class School Council member.

Winners – School council and Mr Bird will judge each class entries by year group. Winners will be given the opportunity to perform their poem during School Council Assembly and win a delicious chocolate cake!

Mega Camps

Please see attached flyer regarding Mega Camps at St Mark's next week. There is a packed timetable in store for children including animal workshops, wall climbing, dance workshops, nerf wars, inflatable fun, foot darts, themed arts and crafts and much more!

Wraparound Care Book Success

After School Club and Breakfast Club were invited to show off their artistic talents by entering a competition. It was to draw a monster mash picture. The children were very excited and soon became budding artists creating lots of different mashed up monsters - consisting of many different mashups from cats crossed with bats to three headed two eyed wobbly jelly monsters. We crossed our fingers and sent them off. Then came the letter that all of the children had won! We had impressed the judges so much that they have decided to create a book with all of the children's pictures in. Well done to all of the children and their 40 entries. We look forward to receiving our book full of monsters. Huge congratulations !

Nature Makers

As you may know, Nature Makers offers an after school activities club at St Mark's. Please see their attached flyer about their collaboration with Friends of Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons offering free sessions. Sessions can be booked directly via this link:

<https://www.bookthatin.com/link/U7PYYH>

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 Bodiam 100%
Punctuality:	Y4 Farnham
This week's Attendance:	95%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Ivy	For her incredible attitude to school, we could not ask for a better role model to others!
EYFS Windsor	Reggie	For being such a fantastic role model to others in Windsor class!
Y1 Arundel	Eames	For an exceptional fact file on African elephants! 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Jayden	For working hard to improve his BIG MATHS scores.
Y2 Leeds	Asterix	For always being willing to give anything a go and developing his resilience.
Y2 Pevensy	Carter- Lee	For an incredible effort to improve his reading this term.
Y3 Lewes	Selena	For great concentration and effort in sewing. Also, always listening carefully.
Y3 Deal	Alana	Perseverance and positive attitude towards her work every day.
Y4 Dover	Luca	For fabulous effort with our drama in English. You have really grown in confidence, well done!
Y4 Farnham	Harper	For working hard in Maths this week persevering with time
Y5 Hever	Whole class	For their immaculate behaviour on our school trip to the Mosque.
Y5 Lullingstone	Daya	For performing an excellent t.v. advert for online safety in PSHE.
Y6 Oxford	Kara	For her work ethic – always striving to improve
Y6 Rochester	Mihran	Showing exemplary dedication and commitment towards nurturing his artistic talent through practice and focus. Super!
Nurture Group	James	For his artistic flare in Nurture Group.

Congratulations to each and every one of you

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher