



St Mark's C E Primary School

13th September 2024

Newsletter No 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather has turned a little chillier, please can children bring a coat to school each day –remember to name all outside clothing please!

After School Club in Print

The After School Club entered a competition to design funny monsters. There were pictures of bats with cat bodies, monsters with 10 eyes, legs and arms, jelly monsters, wobbly monsters, monsters of all creative kinds. We kept our fingers crossed and then found out we were to have our pictures published in a book!

Also, one of our pupils was lucky enough to be chosen as the overall winner from all the entries from across different After School Clubs. Well done to Arthur and his monster Bone Crusher!! He has won a very full goody bag and his monster is now on the front cover of the book. Fantastic news -well done to all the children that entered the competition, we are super proud of each and every one of you.

Harvest Festival 30th September

To celebrate Harvest Festival pupils in Years 1 - 6 will be walking to St Mark's church on **30th September**. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.15am and returning by approximately 11am. Please can children bring a small non-perishable food item to school as a donation to the St Mark's Church Community Larder e.g., canned/tinned goods - soup, vegetables etc or a bag of dried pasta or rice etc (no glass please). If you are able to help us and accompany your child's class in the walk to and from church, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.



Dates to remember
Added dates in yellow

September

17th (Tue) EYFS Little Wandle Parent meeting
19th (Thur) Y1 Little Wandle Parent meeting
19th (Thur) AIM writing day at St Barnabas (invite only)
22nd (Sun) PTA CineFest
27th (Fri) Macmillan Coffee Morning
27th (Fri) Y6 Bowles Residential Parent Meeting 3:30 pm
30th (Mon) Harvest Festival at church

October

1st (Tue) Y2P Sharing assembly 9:15 am
3rd (Thur) Y6R Sharing assembly 9:15am
3rd (Thur) School Census
3rd (Thur) Parent Meeting/Focus Group - re Smart Phones and social media
4th (Fri) – 10th Scholastic Book Fair
7th (Mon) Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:30
9th (Wed) PTA AGM
10th (Thur) Parents Evening 3:30 -5:30
10th (Thur) World Mental Health Day
11th (Fri) Parent Rep Meeting 9am
17th (Thur) Whole School Flu Immunisation Programme
18th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card
23rd – 25th Y6 Bowles Rocks residential
24th (Thur) Y2 Victorian School Day
25th (Fri) Last day of term

Term 2

November

4th (Mon) Term 2 starts



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

St Mark's Church Pet Service

Please see the attached flyer for details of St Mark's Church Pet Celebration Service this Sunday, 15th September



Early Years Tours 2025

Is your child or anyone you know with a child starting Early Years in September 2025?

We are offering Early Years tours with the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, or senior staff member and have the following slots still available:

w/c 16th September 2024: every day at 9:30 am or 11 am

w/c 30th September 2024: every day at 9:30 am or 11 am

w/c 4th November 2024: every day at 9:30 am or 11am

If you would like to book on one of these tours, please let us know the date and time you require.

PTA News

PTA Outdoor CineFest - WONKA - Sunday 22 September

Wonky bars will be on sale after school every day next week - will you get a golden ticket? Lots of exciting prizes are up for grabs and all proceeds go to supporting the school.

We also can't wait for the main event on 22nd Sept - with a giant outdoor screen outside! Gather your friends and family and get your tickets here:

<https://st-marks-tw-pta.sumupstore.com>

Helpers needed!

We would like to run some stalls to fundraise and give a festival feel but we do need helpers please - if you have a half hour where you can help with the popcorn, crafts, toys or bar, we'd love to hear from you! Message us on our Facebook page or by email:

pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

PTA AGM

This year's AGM will be held at the school and on Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 October. We will be voting in our new committee so we'd love to see lots of people there!

PTA Christmas Fair - 1 December

We *know* it's still September but please save the date as this is always an event not to miss!

Mega Camps

Mega Camps will be holding their holiday camp at St Mark's during the October half term – please see attached flyer for further details and booking information.

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance:	EY Camber
Punctuality:	Y2 Pevensey
This week's Attendance:	96.9%

This week the Head's Heroes are:

EYFS Camber	Everyone	For settling into St Marks school so well... we can already tell you are going to be a class full of superstars! Well done!
EYFS Windsor	Windsor class	For an amazing first full week of school! You have all tried so hard and made so many new friends. We are very proud of you!
Y1 Arundel	Evie	For consistently displaying compassion towards others 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Eva	For being a super role model with her carpet behaviour and readiness to learn.
Y2 Leeds	Sophie	For courageously sharing her ideas and having a fantastic start to year 2.
Y2 Pevensy	Harry	For courageously and confidently sharing ideas with the class during all lessons.
Y3 Lewes	Alfie	For being safe and respectful towards others in PE whilst playing the ladder game.
Y3 Deal	Finley	For exemplary behaviour during the first week of Year 3.
Y4 Dover	Abby	For always being ready and producing some lovely work she should be proud of.
Y4 Farnham	Orla	For always being ready and prepared for learning.
Y5 Hever	Jules	For always listening carefully in every lesson & showing respect to all.
Y5 Tonbridge	Lois	For being ready and showing enthusiasm in all her learning.
Y6 Oxford	Ella R	For calmly showing all our new school rules and values at the start of year 6 with style!
Y6 Rochester	Xavier	For demonstrating creative and intelligent thinking while sharing his thoughts about Creation during RE.
Nurture Group	Georgia K	For her amazing piece of artwork about herself.

Congratulations to each and every one of you

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird
Headteacher