



# St Mark's C E Primary School

21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Newsletter No 40

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another memorable year draws to an end, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and the children for being amazing!

A notable achievement this year was being awarded the Kent Wellbeing and Resilience Award. We are very grateful to the Wellbeing team for all of their work on this.

Sports day was once again a lovely event with all of the children taking part and displaying sportsmanship, determination and resilience. It is lovely to see the support for all of the participants by the whole school community. Thank you to all who helped with making the day such a success.



There have been many other sporting events this year including the Football, Netball, Tag rugby, Cricket, Colour Dash, Swimming Gala, Orienteering and Cross-country events. The children always represent the school in the best possible way and we receive many compliments from spectators and organisers alike.

The year has also contained a range of trips, which have enriched the curriculum, such as the Y6 residential trip, Eastbourne, Hastings, Howletts, and Rochester Cathedral, to name but a few.

The PTA have once again been brilliant with all of their help, support and fundraising. We are very grateful for all that they do and the support that you provide for the school. The summer fair was a fantastic event and it was lovely to see the whole school community together.

Dates to remember  
Added dates in yellow

## Term 1

### September

1<sup>st</sup> (Fri) INSET day  
4<sup>th</sup> (Mon) INSET day  
5<sup>th</sup> (Tue) Term 1 starts  
6<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PTA Meeting in outdoor classroom 3:20 pm  
13<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PTA meeting 8pm  
27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) PTA AGM  
29<sup>th</sup> (Fri) McMillan Coffee Morning

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) Y3 Trip: Kent Life  
18<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y6: Bowles  
20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card  
20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of Term

## Term 2

30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Term 2 starts

### December

1<sup>st</sup> (Fri) Whole School Flu Vaccinations



**Aspire, Believe, Succeed**

I would also like to thank the Parents Reps. I hugely value the discussions that we have and there continues to be a very positive impact on the school as a result of these and the modifications that we have made.

The Year 6 show was fantastic! It was lovely to see how the children had developed their confidence and they are a talented group. The Year 6 Leavers' service provided a lovely opportunity for memories to be shared and celebrated.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff team for all of their hard work and dedication this year. I hope that they all manage to have a very well-earned rest.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you again in September. I wish the Year 6 children well at secondary school and I look forward to hearing about all of their future successes.

Best wishes,

Mr Bird



### **Sports Day – KS1**

What a fantastic morning we had!

The sun was shining on what was a spectacular KS1 sports day. The children were excellent sports men/women! They showed

courage, determination and above all they all displayed the most heart-warming teamwork and encouraged all their fellow classmates. I am incredibly proud of each and everyone and wish you all a very restful summer. (maybe with a little practise for next year 😊)



Mrs Kington.

### **Sports Day – KS2**

Key Stage 2 had a fantastic afternoon on Sports Day taking part in 8 events for their house and then running races.

Thank you to all the staff who helped the afternoon run smoothly. The children loved watching their parents run in the races despite a few tumbles the dedication to this was clear. Mercury won the house cup, Neptune came 2nd, Saturn came a close 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jupiter 4th. Well done to all the children! Wishing you all a fantastic Summer Break.

Miss Porter





### **Eid Mubarak**

On Tuesday afternoon Early Years and KS1 welcomed Maryam and Sana from Tunbridge Wells Mosque. We had a lovely afternoon talking about Islam and Eid. We shared all we knew already and learnt a lot from them! We hope to welcome them back to St Mark's soon. Although a few weeks delayed, we wish a very happy Eid to all families who celebrated it!

### **Kent County Council Children's Centre**

Please follow link below for details of what is happening at Children's Centres



### Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres

Week beginning 17 July:

[Go to  
this  
Sway](#)

### **Free Online Training**

Please see below for free online training

[Free Online Training: Helping Parents with Home Learning. Getting to Grips with Grammar! - Dandelion Learning](#)

### **Wellbeing**

The end of an academic year brings a range for emotions. It is a time for reflection and celebrating achievements with the Summer holidays on the horizon. Please see link below for helpful tips.

[mentally-healthy-schools-change-toolkit-primary](#)

PDF Document · 239 KB

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals you will have received a Holiday Activities Voucher. Don't forget to book your child onto the free activities via the HAF Programme, you need to move quickly! Don't forget, they also get a free, healthy meal at the session they attend as well!

If your child is in Year 2 and moving up to Year 3 in September, please note you will now need to pay £2.50 for a daily cooked lunch unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. If you think they may be eligible, please complete the form here: [Free school meals - Kent County Council](#)



### Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

At the end of each week, we celebrate children for their effort and achievements throughout the week:

**Punctuality:** Y4 Dover

**Attendance:** Y2 Leeds

Attendance for the week is: 94.2%

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

EYFS Camber	Camber Class	For being simply AMAZING the whole Year!! 😊
EYFS Windsor	Windsor Class	For being such superstar learners this year, I am so proud of you all!
Y1 Arundel	Whole class	For being a such a fantastic bunch of superstars! You all make Mrs Crane, Toni and I very proud 😊
Y1 Bodiam	Whole Class	For being such a wonderful, caring class all year!
Y2 Leeds	Whole Class	For great sportsmanship during sports day
Y2 Pevensey	Genevieve	For being an excellent leader in PE!
Y3 Lewes	Aiyana	For always being a pleasure!
Y3 Deal	Whole Class	Well done everyone – you've been a pleasure to teach!
Y4 Dover	Whole Class	For a fantastic year, you've all come a long way!
Y4 Farnham	Tawhid	For making great progress in reading this year
Y5 Lullingstone	Ella M	For her incredible empathetic nature, which allows others to blossom.
Y5 Hever	Isabella	For always trying her best, no matter what the task may be!
Y6 Rochester	Lee	Showing wonderful strength of character and grit to understand secondary school will be a new and exciting adventure.
Y6 Oxford	Jake	The coolest character, the greatest smile and the most wonderful attitude to life and learning!

### End of Year House Point Results

Jupiter: 9413

Saturn: 9277

Mercury: 8773

Neptune: 8407

Well done everyone!

We hope you all have a lovely Summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bird  
Headteacher