St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at school this week with Parents Evenings, sporting events, and various other activities for you all to read about.

On Tuesday, Year 2 went into the Key Stage 1 playground for a campfire. In English, our book is 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and Plop, the owl, visits some Scouts at a campfire. Before we wrote about the campfire, we wanted to experience our own one. We wore special Scout scarves and sung traditional Scout campfire songs. It was great fun and we collected lots of new vocabulary to describe the fire. For example: The flames were dancing, flickering, and sparkling as the wood burned. We could hear crackling, popping, and tapping.



Sport

On Friday 2nd October, some children from years 5 and 6 represented our school at a Tunbridge Wells Rugby Tournament. We all played well and won 3 out of 8 matches. We drew 3 and lost 2. We were very proud of ourselves. Rory scored most of the tries and the rest of us scored the other tries. The boys had to switch in and out of the matches because there were so many of them, but the girls stayed in all of the games because there were fewer. We were set into two groups. My group was The Meerkats, and the other group was The Mavericks. While each group took turns to play, Miss Truscott, Mrs Sheppard and the other group cheered us along and we did the same for them.

Dates to remember.
Added dates in yellow.

October

13th (Tues)EY to Hargate Forest 9am-11.30am
16th (Fri) Show Racism the Red Card
19th (Mon) Harvest Festival at church
21st (Wed) Year 3 & 4 Rock Days
21st -23rd Year 6 Residential -Bowles Rocks
22nd (Thur) PTA Treat sale
23rd (Fri) Last Day of Term 1
26th – 30th Mega Camps

November
2nd (Mon) Term 2 starts back to school
3rd- 6th EYFS Parent 2027 tours
6th (Fri) Y5 to Amelia Centre
9th (Mon) Anglo Saxon Y4 Workshop
12th (Thurs) Van Cols individual photographs
12th (Thurs) Y1 Phonics Meeting – 2.45pm

Term Dates etc are on our website
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After the tournament, we went back to school and told everyone about what a lovely day it had been and that we couldn't wait for other sporting events that would be coming up.
Nayeli

Roots to Food

On Thursday, the children in Year 3 & 4 were given the opportunity to be chefs and make their own Tandoori chicken and Bombay saag aloo potatoes. The children enjoyed the experience so much that a recipe will be attached in case they want to recreate at home.



PTA News

Thank you to YOU ALL again for surpassing our expectations - £726.84 raised through PENNY WARS!!! 🎉 🎉 🎉

Christmas Village Planning Meeting: Come and join us Monday 12th October 7:30-9:30pm at The Bull Frant Road or send ideas via the class what's app groups / email pta@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

Reminders

- Lunch menu next week: **Week 7** Menu can be found on our website St Mark's Church of England Primary School - Home under "quick links"
- **No nuts or nut spreads please**. Please click below for lunchbox ideas and recipes. Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- **Parking –** Please be considerate when parking not to block the **main gates**, **driveways** or let children walk in the car park unsupervised.
- **Show Racism the Red Card –** Wear something red on Friday 16th October – a piece of red clothing or an accessory, with your school uniform.

Head's Heroes, Attendance and Punctuality

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

Extra playtime goes to:

Attendance:	Year 3 Deal
Punctuality:	Year 4 Farnham
This week's Attendance: 96.7%	

This week the Head's Heroes are:

Y1 Arundel	Olivia	For understanding and expressing our school values every day.
Y1 Bodiam	Jack	For great focus, this week with your reading and phonics. Also, continuing to improve your letter formation, despite you finding it hard work! Great
Y2 Leeds	Lidia	For always being safe, ready, respectful, and pushing yourself with your learning!
Y2 Pevensey	Clarice	For challenging herself when working and always being safe, ready, and respectful.
Y3 Lewes	Bobby W	For an amazing independent write
Y3 Deal	Isla H	For asking thoughtful questions and being curious.
Y4 Dover	Lenny	For your enthusiasm and super participation when writing our river poems. Well done! 😊
Y4 Farnham	Sam	For continuing to grow in confidence each day by getting involved in lessons and actively participating in teamwork!
Y5 Hever	Abdul	For a concerted effort to improve and try his hardest in all areas of the curriculum and for trying to make better choices.
Y5 Tonbridge	Eva	For being such an outstanding role model – always ready, respectful, and pushing yourself forwards in your learning. Well done! 😊
Y6 Oxford	Alvin	For the focus and determination, you have shown in ALL areas this week – from homework to maths to spellings, you have done an amazing job! Well done 😊
Y6 Rochester	Amaaya	For a captivating use of expressive vocabulary in poem writing. Well done?

This week's Unsung Heroes are:

Oxford – Olivia, Finley, Nirvi, Audrey, Autumn, Karina, Orla
Bodiam – Dana, Pola, Aria, Colette, Bert
Dover – Dotty, Reuben, Lily, Gabby, Henry
Hever – Harriet, Willoughby, Iris, Jessica, Hal
Arundel- Arlo, Jasper, Reya

Yours sincerely,

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