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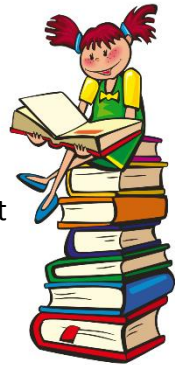
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## Newsletter No 36

### Year 3 – Trip to Wakehurst Place



Year 3 had a lovely day at the session was linked to the children's Science learning of plants and animals and they spent a majority of the time investigating different plant types, lifecycles of plants in varying outdoor environments and searching for mini beasts. Great fun all round!



### Bikes and scooters on the playground – annual message!!!!

Please do not cycle/scoot on the playgrounds, someone might get hurt. Surprisingly this message is for parents and children as we have been told that adults have also been spotted cycling on the

playground.

### Old Uniform

With the change in the uniform happening in September we are aware that many of you will have good reusable uniform at home. We are hoping to be able to send this to a charity. So, please would you send in any brown cardigans/sweatshirts or gold t-shirts to the school office. It goes without saying that we would like this to be nicely washed.

### Church Service Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am

Our annual leavers service is being held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We need lots more parent helpers to walk the children to and from church. If you can help please let your class teacher know. Children register and then walk up to the church leaving by 9.20. The service should be finished by 10.30/10.45.

### Dropping your children off.

Could I just remind parents that they should not be dropped before 8.45. We cannot take legal responsibility for them before this – Sorry. At 8.45 they should go straight into their classrooms.

### School books will be going home next week

So .... please could you bring in a large carrier bag, or bag for life (named) at the beginning of next week so that we can get them ready for you.

### Medicines

Please collect your child's medicine at the end of term.

### Dates to remember

#### July

- 16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Class swap day Y4D
- 17<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 10 am leavers service at St Mark's Church
- 17<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Yr 6 leavers BBQ 3.15 – 5pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> (Tues) St Mark's got talent 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Karate taster sessions pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y6 to Temper, Temper am
- 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term for children

#### September

- 4<sup>th</sup> (Tues) First day of new term for children Years1 - 6
- 6<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) EYFS start mornings 8.55am – 11.45am

### Parent helpers

If you have been helping this year, or even if you haven't we would love your help next year. Please let the teacher you are currently with know, or drop into the office and we can pair you up with a class/teacher.

As parents should be aware by now we are really pushing reading and daily reading makes a huge difference to the children's progress in all areas, so if you can spare an afternoon please do. Thank you.

And following on nicely from that ....

### KS2 SATS results


We now have the KS2 SATS, and whilst I am unable to publish the actual figures at the moment I am delighted to say that they are excellent across the board.

The progress that the children have made from their arrival at St Mark's, whether they arrived in EYFS or later through their school journey has been fantastic.

Thank you to the children who worked so hard, the teachers and teaching assistants for all their input and to you, their parents and carers who have supported them on their journey.

### Attendance, Reading and the Good Book for the week beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Year 3 Deal with their 100% attendance and the best reading figure this week. This has helped push the whole year attendance to within 0.1% of our target. Let's hope that children have a really healthy week and manage to come in every day next week for all the fun end of term activities.

Class	% Attendance July 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate 
EYFS Camber	97.3		<b>No certificates were awarded this week as there was a special Rocksteady Assembly.</b>
EYFS Windsor	97.8		
Yr 1 Arundel	99		
Yr 1 Bodiam	95		
Y2 Leeds	90		
Y2 Pevensey	96	56	
Y3 Lewes	98.1		
<b>Y3 Deal</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>81</b>	
Y4 Dover	87.4		
<b>Y4 Farnham</b>	<b>94.5</b>	68	
Y5 Hever	94.8		
Y6 Rochester	92.4		
Whole School	95.2		

### Start dates – clarification

There seems to be some confusion re when the children start school in September.

3<sup>rd</sup> September – this is an INSET day – staff are in but no children please! If you look on the website the standard Kent calendar is there, **underneath**, are the inset days. Schools are allowed to allocate 5 inset days themselves.

**4<sup>th</sup> September** Years 1 – 6 return to school

**6<sup>th</sup> September** EYFS children start on half days 8.55 – 11.45 am

**10<sup>th</sup> September** All children are full time.

(NB EYFS teachers undertake home visits to all EYFS children or invite the parents into school for a one to one session to talk about their child. These visits are carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September and the afternoons of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September, hence the children are not in school)

Yours sincerely

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