



St Mark's C E Primary School

10th December 2018

Newsletter No 13

Christmas Jumper day – Save the Children



Just a reminder that it's Christmas jumper day on Friday. We look forward to seeing you all in your jumpers, the brighter the better, grey uniform on the bottom please.

Please bring in £1 or more to support this great charity. Thank you.

Church service Tuesday 18th Dec

As ever we would like parents to help walk the children up to the church if possible. Please would you let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help, we look forward to seeing as many of you at the church as possible.

Trees

As KS1 children are making their way out of school, a number of them are swinging from the low branches of the trees on the field. The children know that they are not allowed to do this at playtime so they should know that they are not to do it at home time. Please could I ask parents to reinforce this message and ensure that they do not do this. Thank you.

Sock, shoes and uniform!

Just a little polite reminder that for winter uniform shoes should be black, socks and tights grey or black and trousers grey. We are beginning to see a variety of colours and shades being worn.

Ice skating

Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to help on the Friday, and for those who did today. I'm sure you'll agree that the decision to postpone from a rather wet and windy Friday to a dry sunny Monday was the right one.

The children had a fabulous time today ☺

Dates to remember

December

10th (Mon) 9.30 EYFS Xmas show

11th (Tues) KS1 Xmas performances 9.30 am & 2 pm

11th (Tues) Y5 Greek Myth Day

12th (Wed) Xmas dinner EYFS and KS1

12th (Wed) 2.30 yr4 science open afternoon

13th (Thur) Xmas dinner KS2

14th (Fri) Xmas jumper day

14th (Fri) 9.30am Rocksteady Concert

18th (Tues) Xmas service at St Mark's Church.

19th (Wed) last day of term

January 2019

3rd (Thurs) Back to school

15th (Tues) Virtual Reality Yr5

24th (Thu) KS1 winter disco

February

4th (Mon) Royal TW

Symphony demo Yr 5

6th (Wed) Yr 4 America Day

7th (Thu) 9.10 Yr2 Assembly

12th (Tue) Yr2 turn up & sing at the Assembly Halls

15th (Fri) Last day of term

25th (Mon) Back to school

Reading

Congratulations to all those children who moved up a planet this week.



Neptune, Uranus, Saturn,
Jupiter, Mars, Earth, Venus,
Mercury

Attendance

Congratulations to year 3 Deal, for their great attendance this week and to year 5 Lullingstone who were the most punctual this week. ☺ Sadly a sickness bug hit the lower classes of the school which means that the school's overall percentage has fallen.

Class	% Attendance 26 th – 30 th Nov	Good Book Certificate Friday December 7th	
EY Camber	95.2	Eshan	For always listening and choosing the right behaviour.
EY Windsor	90.5	Tommy	For super singing and actions during our nativity.
Yr 1 Arundel	87.5	Bettany	For beginning to edit her work with support.
Yr 1 Bodiam	87.9	Ned	For outstanding effort all week,
Y2 Leeds	95.2	Maryam	For always putting in 100% to everything.
Y2 Pevensey	97.8	Tommy	For excellent effort this week.
Y3 Deal	98.3	Lara	For always trying her best in everything she does.
Y3 Lewes	97.3	Aaron	For his fantastic instruction writing.
Y4 Dover	91.9	Olivia	For performing enthusiastically in the Yr 4 assembly.
Y4 Farnham	93.5	Joshua	For his excellent work ethic during RE.
Y5 Hever	90.9	Mohammad	For his excellent maths work.
Y5 Lullingstone	95.8	Zachary	For a professionally written book review.
Y6 Rochester	95	Bailey	For some wonderful descriptive writing.
Whole School	93.6	Total for year 96.3% to date (target 96%)	



The House Cup was won by Jupiter



The Brown uniform

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Jo Leek has found an organisation who will recycle all the old uniform for us. She has kindly driven the boxes to Oxford from where they will be dispatched overseas in due course. Thank you Jo.

Parent Rep Meeting

The next rep meeting will be on Tuesday 15th January at 9/9.15 am. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mathletics

Mathletics is a maths website which the school subscribes to and uses in ICT lessons. It is also available for the children to access at home, should they wish to do a little more maths.

They simply sign in with their school username and password. www.mathletics.com

The extra maths practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress, they are awarded certificates based on achieving a weekly target of points, bronze, silver and gold.

So if they have a few spare moments at home, why not encourage them to go on it. ☺

Showfields Library

Use it or lose it! The library is proposing to reduce its hours from 26 to 15 per week as budget pressures hit. So just a little note from the school to encourage you all to use it either as an adult or child reader. Think of the planets ☺

St Mark's Ski Club

Thank you to Babsi and James for running this club, it is tremendously popular and there is now a waiting list for intermediates. If you are interested in the beginner classes, please call James on 07730 591671.

Second hand Uniform

Thank you for all your kind donations over the years, at the moment our stocks are very high, so we don't need any more, unless it's blue jumpers/cardigans!



We will be holding a second hand uniform sale next term, come and snap up your summer dresses!!

Yours sincerely

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