



### Parent / Teacher Consultations

**Parent / Teacher Consultations** will be taking place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Sign up sheets will no longer be available in the hall, instead all bookings should now be made online using your Parentmail account. Mrs Taylor, our Inclusion Leader and Mr Wilson, our Family Liaison Officer will also be available on the evening to meet with parents and carers, please also book these appointments online.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- Mrs Carew, our Maths Leader has organised a special '**Number Day**' next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to raise money for the **NSPCC** and promote fun with numbers. Children are being asked to get involved by coming to school **wearing an item of clothing with a number on it** and bringing in a suggested donation of £1 (either by Parentmail or handed to their teacher). Clothing could be anything, a sports shirt, jumper, a cap, even a onesie or get more creative as a dice or calculator! Throughout the day special maths and number activities will take place. We will let you know how much we raise for the NSPCC next week.
- We raised an impressive **£156.17** from our cake sale last Friday for our two charities **Hospice in the Weald** and **UNICEF**, thank you for your delicious donations and generosity. We received some feedback on Friday which has altered how we are going to run our cake sales in the future. Many of the cakes were purchased before the children came out of school. To avoid this we are now going to start selling **to children** (accompanied by an adult) at 15:25. We have one more cake sale this term, on 10<sup>th</sup> February, and hope that this time we will have lots more children able to participate in the purchasing of the cakes. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Sporting News

We have had a fantastic sporting week in spite of the gloomy and bitter weather!

- Our Year 5/6 Netball team headed off to Langton Green School on Monday night to take part in matches that had been previously postponed. We won against Langton 4-0.
- On Tuesday the Netball Team headed off to Skinners Kent Academy for their matches against Claremont and St Matthews. We won against Claremont 12-1 and St Matthews 6-4! Well done netball team, a great achievement.
- On Wednesday afternoon our Year 5/6 Football team played a home game against Bishops Down, I am proud to say we won 2-0!

Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Leader wanted to pass on to parents how extremely proud she is of all the children. "We've won every match we've played this week whether it is Netball or Football, well done to you all!"

Thank you to Mrs Berry for organising and to all the parents and carers for assisting with the dropping off and collecting of children at various locations this week.

### Governor News

Judy Green, our Vice Chair of Governors would like to invite Parents and Carers to join the school working party to discuss our **Education in Personal Relationships Development (EPRD) Policy** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 15:45pm at school. This includes how we teach sex education. Please feel free to come along.

### Staffing News

- We are looking to appoint a part-time **Bursar and Personnel Administrator** to manage and develop the financial, administrative and business aspects of the school. 31 hours a week, worked over five days. Further details about this post including a job description and personal specification can be found on: [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). Applications should also be made online via Kent Teach. Closing date Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, interviews take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- We are also looking for a part-time Midday Supervisor for Monday and Tuesday. Please pick up a paper application form from the school office.

### Extra Curriculum Activities

We have had to change the date of the **St John Ambulance First Aid Courses** due to a schedule clash. Please note that Years 3 and 4 are now having their training on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Years 5 and 6 are booked for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like your child to take part and you have not done so already; please give your permission and make payment online through Parentmail. **The course costs £1.81 per child.**

### Class Assemblies

- Children in **5/6 St Mark** will be presenting their Class Assembly to family and friends next Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 15:00. All are welcome to join us.
- The following Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February it will be the turn of **3/4 St Peter** to present their class assembly to family and friends.

## PTA News

The PTA are holding their **next meeting** on Tuesday 31st January at 19:00 at school. The meeting is for all parents and carers who would like to participate in fundraising events which help to provide additional resources for school and better experiences for the children, you do not need to be a current member of the PTA to attend, new faces are always welcome.

If you would like to get involved but cannot attend the meeting please contact the PTA by email on: [ptaaugustines@gmail.com](mailto:ptaaugustines@gmail.com) or catch one of the Chairs of the PTA on the playground. PTA updates can also be sent to you.

## Coming Up...

- Monday 30th January - Discussion of Education in Personal Relationships Policy - 15:45.
- Tuesday 31st January - 5/6 St Mark Class Assembly - 15:00.
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - PTA Meeting - 19:00.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Number Day for NSPCC - £1.00.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Years 3 and 4 First Aid Course.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Years 5 and 6 First Aid Course.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:00 - 18:30. Book via Parentmail.
- Tuesday 7th February - 3/4 St Peter Class Assembly - 15:00.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Van Cols - Individual and Sibling Photos.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:30 - 19:00. Book via Parentmail.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Cake Sale - 15:25.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Term 3.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Mr Wilson's Wellie Walk - 10:00am at Dunorlan Cafe.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - First Day of Term 4.

## Congratulations to our Award Winners

- Attendance Ted: **St Rose** and **3/4 St Peter**
- Punctuality Pete: **2 St Bernadette** and **3/4 St John**
- Tidy Classroom Award: **3/4 St John**
- Lunchtime Award: **Victor** (St Helena) and **Luca** (St John)

## General and Reminders

- If your child is absent from school may we remind you please of our school policy which states that absences should be reported **every day** that your child is off school **by 09:30**. Absences can be reported online via Parentmail or by telephoning the school office.
- If your child is absent from school with either sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for **24 hours** following the last symptoms to avoid spreading throughout the school.

## Our Community

- Children in Years 5 and 6 have recently taken part in a poster competition being run by the Borough Council to promote the new 20mph zones that are being created in the St John's area. The posters needed to be eye catching and display a clear 20mph message. One overall winner of the competition would have their poster printed in the local magazine that goes to every household in the borough of Tunbridge Wells. The winner would also receive theatre tickets to a show of their choice at the Assembly Hall and some bicycle lights. Children from St John's School were also asked to participate and three runners up from each year group from each school would also be selected to win some bicycle lights. We are delighted to announce that the overall winner of the poster competition was our very own **Lilia from 5/6 St Patrick!** The Year 5 runners up are: **Olivia, Luke W** and **Jemima**. The three runners up from Year 6 are: **Layana, Caden and Gaby**. Well done to all the winners and thank you to all the children who took part. All the posters we sent off were fabulous so it must have been very hard for the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells to choose. Look out for Lilia's poster in the spring edition of the Local magazine.
- **Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2016**  
Sainsbury's have launched their annual Active Kids Scheme. Once again we will be participating and collecting vouchers in the Sainsbury's voucher box in the front entrance.

## CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

God of mercy, open our hearts to listen to what Jesus tells us. Help us to reach out to others who are poor, sad or frightened and try to make their lives blessed. Amen.