



8TH NOVEMBER 2019

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful holiday and your children are ready for the exciting and busy half term ahead!

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Service, it was lovely to see so many of you there. I would like to say thank you for the generosity shown; our Harvest table looked fabulous with the fantastic donations you sent in.

## Enterprise Week

Your support during our enterprise week was also brilliant, I am sure you will agree the children made some fantastic items throughout the week. Altogether a total amount of **£603.78p** was raised this money will be donated to St. Mark's chosen charities.

## St. Mark's Book of Remembrance

If you have lost a loved one or family friend, we invite parents to come into school and make an entry in our Book of Remembrance. Our book is situated at the school office, and will remain open until the end of the month.

## Year 6 Class Assembly.

Our Year 6 parents/carers are invited to come along to our class assembly on **Monday 11th November beginning at 9am.**

## Samaritan's Shoebox Appeal

This year we are once again participating in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, a charity we have supported over many years. A shoebox will be made on behalf of each class, so if you have any new items you think may be suitable for a child to receive, eg small toys books, pens pencils please send these into your child's class by Friday 15th November. If however you would like to make your own shoebox a leaflet giving further information has been sent home with your child.

**School Photographs** All photographs will be delivered before the end of term. **Unfortunately no orders can now be taken by school.** Any late orders will have to be ordered by parents direct with Focal Point.

**After School Clubs** Will continue to run as normal, if there are any changes regarding our after school clubs a text will be sent home.

## Text Messages/ Emergency Contact Details.

If you **have not been** receiving any text messages from school please call into the school office and check that we have your correct mobile number on our system. It is imperative that you inform the school office if you have changed **any of your child's emergency contact details.**

## Christmas Disco

We are having a Christmas disco in school for children in Reception—Year 6 on Thursday 5th December 5.00pm—6.30pm. £1.50 is payable at the door This event is only for children who currently attend St Mark's and are in the relevant year groups listed. As this event is well attended we are **unable** to have parents staying with their children due to the fire restriction number allowed. Parent are reminded that they must drop off and pick up children on time please.

**Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 29th November.** Children may come into school wearing their Christmas jumper. Should your child wish to take part we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child. Money will be used to support school activities for our children.

**Christmas Fayre** We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December at 1.30pm.

**Can you Help?** Do you know of or work for a company who would be willing to donate a prize for our Christmas Fayre. If so, would you be prepared to hand in a donation letter on our behalf? Please call into the school office for a letter.

## **School Christmas Lunch.**

This year our children will have their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually brings a **packed lunch** to school, but would like a Christmas dinner priced at £2.00 (Nursery £1.90) could you please write a short note with your child's name, and their class and hand it into **the school office together with payment by Friday 29th November (we would appreciate it if the correct money is enclosed.** Unfortunately we are unable to take names after the cut off date.

## **Operation Encompass**

Parents/carers are invited into school next Tuesday morning from 8.30am to have an informal chat with Meggan Farrelly regarding any police issues you may have.

## **Parent Governor Required**

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. The commitment for this role is 6 meetings per Year and the opportunity to come into school to be involved in different aspects of school life. You will join with the rest of the Governing Body to support the leadership team in planning and moving the school forward.

If you think this may be something you may be interested in please call into the school office to speak to myself or Mrs Miller. Nominations should be handed into school before Friday 15th November.

## **Attendance**

Our overall whole school attendance for last half term was **95.5%**.

I am aware of the awful bugs and viruses which hit school towards the end of last term, **however a letter has been sent out to the parents of those children whose attendance has fallen below 90% since September.** Please help us improve on this figure. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 22nd November 2019.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller  
Headteacher