

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Well, here we are almost at the end of 2017. We really have had an extremely busy but rewarding term.

Our reception children and our new starters have all settled well into school. I would like to thank all children for their hard work.

The staff and I would also like to thank parents and carers for your tremendous support, not just to your child but to our school.

So much has happened this term it is impossible to mention everything. Let us reflect on some of the amazing activities and events our children have taken part in so far;

Who can forget our NUFC Penalty shootout? A fantastic fundraising event which our children loved. We raised a huge amount of money.

Our Enterprise week saw the creative side of our children brought to the fore!. Again your support was fantastic and all money raised has been donated to one of our chosen charities CAFOD.

SMASH.

Our new before and after school club is running in the new nursery building. If you wish for your child to use this provision please contact the school office. The sessions are as follows:

Morning session 8.00-9.00am

£3.00 for nursery 8-9am /£2.00 for reception to year 6. 8—845am.

Evening session 3.00 –5.45pm. £8.00 for all children (sibling discount £6.00).

Ready Steady Read.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our whole school sponsor read. We have raised £271.00 which will go towards brand new books for school.

St. Marks Website.

We have relaunched the school website please check for regular twitter feed updates at

www.stmarksrcprimary.co.uk

St. Mark's 50th Anniversary/ Carols in the Church.

Our Year 3 & 4 children will be leading our "Carols in the Church" celebration which will take place on Monday 18th December at 4pm.

3 As you know our 50th Celebration will also take place on Monday, parents are invited into the school hall on Monday morning when you drop your children off at 8.50am to have a look at old photographs and to watch a power

point presentation and have a coffee and a mince pie.

For those unable to attend on the morning there will also be an opportunity to come at the end of the school day when you collect your children.

Christmas Lunch.

We are sorry that we are unable to take any more names of packed lunch children who wish to order a Christmas lunch as the numbers have now been handed into Mrs Elliott.

The children will have their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December.

<u>Christmas Party Dates are as follows,</u> <u>all parties will take after lunch.</u>

Monday 18th December Nursery.

Tuesday 19th Year 3 & Year 4 Wednesday 20th Reception Y1 &Y2 Thursday 21st Year 5 & Year 6.

All food will be provided by school, and children may come to school wearing their party clothes.

Attendance

Our overall school attendance for last week was **95%** Well done to our Year 4 children who had the highest attendance.

Movie Club (Home Alone).

There are still a few places available for our KS2 after school Movie night club.

This will be on Tuesday 19th December 3.15pm-5.00pm we are asking for £2.00 light refreshments will be provided.

Please inform the school office if you wish to put your child's name down for this club.

St Mark's Church. Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 8.00pm

Christmas Day 9.00am.

Advent Celebration.

Our Advent Celebration will take place on Friday 22nd in school beginning at 9am. This is always a beautiful way to end our term. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Break

School will close at the usual time of 3.15pm on Friday 22nd December, however should you wish to collect your child earlier, you may do so any time **after** 1.30pm. Our school gate will not be open until 1.30pm Please make sure that your child takes all their belongings home with them.

Finally, I would like to thank my dedicated team who have worked so hard over this busy term, I know they are all looking forward to their break too!

Have a safe, happy and Holy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2018.

Mrs. Miller Headteacher