



18TH OCTOBER 2019

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

Web <http://www.stmarksrcprimary.co.uk>

Dear Parent/Carers,

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list of forthcoming 'Dates for your diary'. This list is not exhaustive; other dates may be added as the term goes on. Further information will be sent home regarding many of the events taking place.

Below is a few gentle reminders;

School Uniform

In line with our school policy please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform. I have also noticed that some children are still not wearing the correct footwear in school. **May I please remind parents that black or brown school shoes are to be worn, trainers cannot be worn in school.**

Wear Bright Colours.

On Monday 21st October we are asking children to come to school wearing **BRIGHT COLOURED CLOTHES NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS/ SPORTS TOPS CAN BE WORN.**

We are asking for a £1.00 donation to celebrate the start of enterprise week.

Enterprise Week

Our enterprise week begins on Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October.

Our children have a busy but fun filled week to look forward to. The focus of the week is to raise money which is then which will be donated to one of St Mark's chosen charities.

The children are all very creative and have made some fabulous items in the past. Parents/Carers are invited into school on Thursday afternoon, 24th October from 2pm where you can view and purchase the items made by your child.

Health & Safety.

Would you please make sure when coming into school with your child that you do not enter through the double gates, at the front of the school. Some parents and children are cutting straight across the staff car park which is a real concern.

The side gate should always be used, yellow lines guide the way into our school yard. Thank you for your support.

Thursday 24th October—Harvest Festival Celebrations.

Parents and carers are invited to come along to our **Harvest Festival ceremony which will take place on Thursday 24th October at 11.00am in church.**

This is a lovely ceremony and parents and carers are so generous providing donations of tins, fruit and vegetables for our Harvest Table.

Could we ask that donations of tins (these must be in date) be sent into school next week, and all fruit and vegetables to be handed into school on Wednesday 23rd October giving us plenty of time to prepare our Harvest Table. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

After School Clubs.

Girls Club.

This is a new club for our KS2 girls which will start on Thursday 7th November 3.15/4.30pm. This club will run for 6 weeks.

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

Places for this club are limited if we are over subscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat. If your child has been allocated a place on this club a text will be sent home with more information.

Year 4/5 St.Mark's Challenge Club.

This club will continue to run after half term.

Year 4Football Club.

Year 4 after school football club has now finished.

This club will not be continuing after the half term.

Year5/6 After School Tag Rugby.

This club will continue to run as normal next week and will continue after the half term.

Year 5/6 Art Club.

This club will continue to run after half term.

Please note that a responsible adult must collect children from **all** after school clubs.

Children are **not** allowed to walk home by themselves.

Reception Applications 2020

Please remember, if you have a child who is due to begin **Reception class** in September 2020 you need to apply online by going to; www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Year 6 Application High school 2020

Closing date is midday 31st October 2019.

Attendance

Our overall school attendance for this week is **96%**.

Well done to Year2 children who have had the highest attendance.

We will, over the new term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality.

If your child is poorly, please contact school as soon as possible on the morning of the first day of absence. If we do not know why your child is absent we shall mark this down as an unauthorised absence.

Holiday Requests.

Legal action will be taken against parents who's child /children have **missed 10 sessions (5day's) of unauthorised holiday's in any three-month period.**

Letters will be sent out to parents who have taken unauthorised holidays during term time and a referral will be sent to the Local Authority Attendance service for consideration of a fixed penalty notice.

Donations of Winter Coats.

We are asking parents to please donate into school any hats, coats or gloves which are no longer used. Thank you in advance.

Training Day.

School will be closed on Friday 25th October for a staff training day.

School will break up for half term on **Thursday 24th October and will reopen on Monday 4th November.**

Yours sincerely Mrs Miller.

Mrs Miller
Headteacher