



22ND NOVEMBER 2019

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list of forthcoming dates for your diary which we hope you will find useful.

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.

Children's Christmas Performances.

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Nativity —9.30am

Wednesday 11th December.

KS1 Nativity —2.00pm

KS2 Nativity — 5.00pm

Thursday 12th December

KS2 Nativity —9.15am

Friday 13th December.

Nursery Nativity —9.30am

Information regarding ordering tickets has been sent home .

Christmas Performance DVD'S.

We will be recording the Christmas performances for Nursery Key Stage 1 and key stage 2.

These are £3.00 per DVD if you wish to pre-order one of these discs please call into the school office to complete an order form. **Orders can not be taken after Friday 13th December.**

I am sure these will make lovely Christmas presents.

Christmas Party Dates are as follows. all parties will take after lunch.

Monday 16th December Nursery Reception Y1 & Y2.

Tuesday 17th. Year 3 & Year 4

Wednesday 18th Year 5 & Year 6.

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

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.

School Christmas Lunch. This year our children will have their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th 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 .

Christmas Fayre

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

If you have any unwanted gifts or bottles please hand into school all donations are much appreciated or do you know of or work for a company who would be willing to donate a prize for our Christmas Fayre.

A huge thank you to those parents who have already sent in items for our Christmas Fayre. Please keep sending in any unwanted gifts or presents you may have. All donations no matter how small are welcome.

Raffle tickets will be sold from the school office every morning (8.30/9.00am) and at the end of the school day (3pm/3.15pm) these are priced at £2.00 Per strip. There is over 80 assorted prizes to be won. We will also be selling these tickets after each performance .

Christmas Holidays. School will close at the usual time of 3.15pm on **Thursday 19th December** , however should you wish to collect your child earlier, you may do so any time **after 1.30pm.**

School will be closed on Friday 20th December and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020.

CAFOD Assembly.

The children will be having a CAFOD assembly in school on Wednesday 27th November.

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.**

Attendance. Our overall school attendance for this week is 93.6%

Well done to our **Year 2** children who had the highest attendance **98%.**

We will, over this term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality, alongside our Education Welfare Officer.

Child Pick Up.

Could we please ask parents to inform their child's class teacher if their child is getting picked up by a child minder or another adult. If your pattern of collection changes please inform school.

Advent Celebration.

Our Advent Celebration will take place on Thursday 19th December in school beginning at 9am. This is always a beautiful way to end our term. We look forward to seeing you.

After School Clubs .

Will continue to run as normal next week, please note that there **will be no after school clubs on Thursday 5th December** this is due to the school disco. If there are any changes regarding our after school clubs a text will be sent home.

Parent's are reminded that they must drop off and pick up children on time please.

Our next newsletter will be sent home on the 6th December.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Miller Head Teacher.