



11TH MAY 2018

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you to all the children who took part in our art competition, the entries were fantastic, it was not an easy task to judge the winners as you can imagine. I am sure you will agree we really do have very creative and talented children here at St. Mark's.

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.

## SATS WEEK 14th May.

It is imperative that all Year 6 children attend school at this important time. We are running a breakfast club for our Year 6 children from 8.00am all next week.

## Family Mass.

Will take place on Sunday 20th May in St. Mark's church at 9.00am.

All families are invited to join us for the feast of Pentecost.

Children will be reading and singing.

## Dinner Money.

Can I please remind parents that if your child has a paid school meal, dinner money **must** come into school on a Monday morning. Banking is done on a Monday and it is too time consuming for staff to have to feed in money after this stage.

If money does not come in on a Monday you are asked to provide a packed lunch from home for the rest of the week.

## Nursery September 2018.

We are now accepting names for our Nursery for September. If your child is due to begin their pre-school year and you are wanting a place in our Nursery class, please let us know as soon as possible. If you know of parents who are looking for a place for their child please ask them to contact the school.

## Informal coffee morning.

Mrs Slack and Mrs Clennell (St.Mark's Safeguarding Officer) are inviting parents/carers into school to attend our informal coffee morning. They will be talking about many different topics such as attendance, managing behaviour and anti bullying, if you are interested please read the reverse of this newsletter for dates and times.

## Lost Property.

From time to time children may lose or misplace an item of their uniform. Parents are reminded that all uniform, coats/jackets **must** be clearly marked with your child's name. It is extremely difficult for lost property to be returned to its rightful owner if there is no name inside. If your child accidentally brings another child's clothing home with them can we ask that this be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Uniform/School Shoes.

I have noticed recently that some children are coming into school wearing their yellow PE shirts. Can I remind parents that the yellow polo shirts should be worn for PE only. Children are expected to wear either a white polo shirt or white cotton shirt as part of their school uniform. **I have also noticed a growing number of children wearing trainers in school.** These should be worn for PE only. Appropriate black/brown school shoes should be worn in line with our school policy.

Drinking Water Bottles. Your child should have their drinking water bottle in school each day. Drinking water throughout the day has been shown to improve concentration.

## Hawkhurst Payments.

The third instalment for your child's stay at Hawkhurst in September is due to be paid by 25th May, thank you to those parents who have sent this payment into school.

## Hair Style's.

Please can you ensure that your child has their hair cut in accordance with our school policy, if your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up before school.

## Emergency contact numbers.

Please can you ensure that the office has up to date contact details, especially when mobile phones are changed. Please can you check your telephone regularly in case of emergency.

## After School Club's.

Y3&Y4 Thursday night after school football club will continue to run until further notice.

## Attendance.

Our whole school Attendance for last half term was **96%**.

We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality throughout this term. **Legal action will be taken against families if necessary.**

Parents of those children whose attendance has fallen below 90% will be notified and invited into school for a meeting with myself and our attendance officer.

## Children's Absence.

If your child is poorly, please contact the school as soon as possible on the morning of the first day of absence. **If we do not have a reason for your child's absence from school for that day it will get marked down as an unauthorised absence.**

**School will break up for 2 weeks on Friday 25th May we will return on Monday 11th June.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller  
Headteacher