



28TH FEBRUARY 2020

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term, I hope you all had a restful break.

Too Early

A number of children are coming into school before doors open at 8.40am. For health and safety reasons, can I remind parents that children should not be left unsupervised on the school yard.

Could we please ask parents not to allow your child to play on the astro turf or on the trim trail before and after the school day.

School Lunches

If your child has a school dinner on a Monday they have to stay on school lunches all week. They can not change to packed lunch mid week as Mrs Elliott has ordered the food for your child for the week.

P.E. Kits

Please remember your child **must** have the correct PE Kit in school, **this consists of Yellow polo shirt and blue school shorts**. Kits should be brought into school each Monday and taken home on Friday to wash. As PE is part of our school curriculum all children must take part.

Easter Celebration

Parents are invited to come along to our Easter Celebration led by our Year 3 & 4 children on Thursday 9th April. This will begin at approximately 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Break

School will break up on Thursday 9th April for **one week only**. We will return on Monday 20th April.

Y3 Liturgy Thursday 5th March

Parents and carers are now invited to come along to our class liturgy on Thursday 5th March beginning at 9am. We hope you can make it.

Hair Styles & Uniform

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.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform.

World Book Day

This year to celebrate World Book Day the children may come to school with their favourite book.

Full school uniform must be worn, book tokens will be handed out to the children.

Holiday Requests. Holiday Requests cannot be authorised by Mrs Miller. The local authority are encouraging schools to take legal action against parents who regularly take unauthorised holidays and absence.

Bikes & Scooters

Could we please point out that children and their siblings are **Not allowed** to ride bikes, hover boards, skateboards or scooter's on the school yard as we do not want any accidents happening. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Hawkhurst Residential Stay – September 2020

Just a reminder to our Year 5 parents whose children are going to Kielder in September that the first deposit is due to be paid by Friday 6th March thank you to those parents who have already handed this payment into the school office.

Headlice. Could I ask that parents/carers to please check your child's hair regularly. If your child has head lice then please make sure you treat their hair and it is clear before they come into school.

Parking. It has once again been brought to my attention that some parents are parking inappropriately when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Some of the residents have children who attend other schools, or when need to leave for work are unable to do so due to their driveways being blocked, can I please ask you to park with consideration for other members of our community particularly Anson place.

Could we please ask that **Parents do not park in the school car park this is for staff only**, your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Nursery September 2020

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. Thank you to all of the parents who have already applied. If you know of parents who are looking for a place for their child please ask them to contact the school.

After school clubs

Year 5 After school Football club Thursday night 3.15/4.15pm.

This is a new club which started last night, If your child is interested in joining this club please leave their name at the school office.

Year 3/4 After school Tennis club Wednesday night 3.15/4.15pm.

This is a new club if your child is interested in joining this club please leave their name at the school office.

St Marks challenge will be taking a small break please note that the club will start again on Monday 16th March.

Art club will be taking a small break please note that the club will start again on Tuesday 17th March.

First Holy Communion Welcome Mass

Tomorrow night 5pm in St Marks Church.

Attendance. The overall attendance for school was 97%

Well done to our Year 6 children who had the highest attendance.

We will, over the term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% a letter will be sent home.

We will also closely monitor any late comers if your child is regularly late a letter will be sent home.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

Our next Newsletter will be on Friday 13th March 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher