



27TH APRIL 2018

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you also 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.

Below are a few gentle reminders...

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 if you have not already made this payment would you please hand it into the school office by the due date.

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.

Toilet Facilities.

Can we please inform parents that school will no longer be able to offer toilet facilities to parents at the beginning and end of the day.

This is in line with Health & Safety procedures. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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.

PE KITS.

PE kits must be brought into school each Monday and taken home each Friday for washing. A number of children regularly forgot their kits last year. Please remember PE is part of our school curriculum all children must take part.

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.

In line with our H&S policy no earrings or jewellery may be worn in school.

If your child comes to school wearing earrings you will be contacted and asked to come into school to remove them.

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. Thank you

Head Lice.

Would you please check your child's hair on a regular basis. If your child has head lice then please make sure you treat their hair and it is clear before they come into school. Remember to treat the whole family.

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.

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.

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.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 11th May 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher