



26TH JANUARY 2018

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Parent Evenings

Parents/Carers are invited to come along to Parents evening on either Monday 5th February, 3.30pm – 5.30pm or Wednesday 7th February 4pm – 6pm. This will give you the opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher and discuss their progress and targets.

Passports

As holiday time approaches, I am often asked to sign passport application forms and photographs for parents. I am happy to do this. However, because I am away from school a number of days each week, I will need extra time to complete the forms, so this will need to be taken into account. I would also appreciate it if parents would make a small contribution to our school fund.

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.

Over the next few weeks we shall be sending home a 2017-2018 terms and Holidays School Calendar.

Hawkhirst Residential Stay – September 2018

Year 5 parents whose children are going to Hawkhirst at Kielder in September can begin paying for the trip from now.

Homework

A number of our children are still not handing in homework. Please ensure that this is completed and returned by the due date. Thank you.

Y3 Class Liturgy

Our Y3 Parents are invited to come along to a Class liturgy on Thursday 1st March at 9am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Health & Safety.

Administering Prescribed Medication to Children in school.

All medicines should be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the child's name & the prescriber's instructions for administration.

We are unable to administer cal-pol/paracetamol without a pharmacy label with your child's name visible on the bottle.

Car 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, your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring in their child's PE kits if it is not in school for lessons.

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.

School Footwear.

Just a reminder to parents that **Black/Brown Shoes** are part of the school uniform policy. Boots/trainers can **only** be worn to travel to and from school but your child **must** change into their shoes once in school.

Attendance

The overall attendance for school was 94%. Our Year 3 children had the highest attendance so have earned an extra play-time.

After School Clubs.

Year 1 After School Football Training .

Football club will continue as normal 3.15/4.15pm.

Nursery & Year 5 Oriental Day.

On Tuesday 6th February our Nursery and Year 5 will be having an oriental day in school, they may come to school wearing oriental themed clothing or red & yellow colours.

Cake Stall.

Week commencing 5th February Y6 will be having a cake in school all week. A text reminder will be sent next week. All money raised will go towards Y3 & Y6 visit to the theatre in March.

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.**

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 9th February 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher