



29TH APRIL 2019

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

A warm welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. We have a full and very busy Summer term ahead.

Thank you to those parents, and friends who attended our Easter Service.

Hawkhirst Payments.

The third payment of £40 for the Hawkhirst trip in September is due to be paid by this Wednesday 1st May.

A gentle reminder to those parents who have arranged with the school office to pay the full balance of £148.00. This is due to be paid no later than Friday 24th May.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

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.

As the warmer weather approaches lots of children take off their sweaters and cardigans at break times/lunchtimes as you can imagine these sometimes get mixed up so please make sure that your child has their name clearly marked in their uniform.

PE Kits

Please remember PE kit **must** come into school each Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed. PE is part of our school curriculum and all children must take part.

As the weather is getting warmer could you please make sure your child has their trainers in school as we will be having our PE lessons outside. Thank you.

Shoes/trainers.

May I please remind parents that boots/trainers **cannot** be worn in school please ensure that your child is wearing black or brown school shoes.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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 will be asked to provide a packed lunch from home for the rest of the week.** Thank you.

Nursery September 2019.

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.

Too Early !!

A number of children are still 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 before 8.40am.**

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.

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.

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 for your support in this matter.

Video Games.

It has been brought to my attention that some children are playing unsuitable computer games. As you may have heard in the press recently this can seriously damage children's development.

SATS WEEK beginning Monday 13th May.

It is imperative that all Year 6 children attend school at this important time. We will be running a breakfast club for our Year 6 children, further information regarding this club has been sent home with your child.

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 be marked down as **an unauthorised absence.**

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.

Attendance.

The overall attendance for school was **96%** Our Yr2& Yr6 children have had the highest attendance so have earned an extra playtime. We will once again be focussing on improving our whole school attendance and with your support I am sure we will exceed our target. Please help and encourage your child to attend school and get in on time every day.

After School Club's. Will run as normal this week. If there are any changes we will send a text home.

Bank Holiday Monday.

School closes on Friday 3rd May at the normal time 3.15pm .

School will re open on Tuesday 7th May.

Our next Newsletter will be on Tuesday 17th May 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher