



29TH MARCH 2019

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Below is a gentle few reminders;

Easter Egg Competition.

As I am sure you know at St. Mark's we have some really talented children. Well it's that time of year again, when we ask our children to get their creative heads on for our Easter Egg competition. Decorated eggs should be brought into class on Monday 15th April, Parents are invited into school on Tuesday 16th April at the end of the school day to view the Easter eggs on display in the school hall, all eggs must be taken home at the end of the school day on Wednesday 17th.



Over the years we have had some fantastic designs come into school, and I am sure this year our children will be just as creative!

Easter Celebration.

Our Easter service will be led by our Year 3 and Year 4 children. Everyone is welcome to come along on **Thursday 18th April** our service will begin at 9.15am.

Easter Break. School will close at the usual time of 3.15pm on Friday 5th April 2019.

We return to school on Monday 15th April and will close again on Thursday 18th April and will re-open on Tuesday 23rd April after the Easter Weekend.

Holiday Requests.

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

Hawkhurst Payments.

The second payment of £40 for the Hawkhurst trip in September is due to be paid today.

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.

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.

PE Kit Now that the better weather is hopefully here to stay, some of our PE lessons will be taken outside. Please make sure that your child has their PE Kit and trainers with them for these lessons.

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.

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 will be sent home with your child nearer the time.

5p Appeal.

Many thanks to everyone for sending in 5ps for Lent. Please keep them coming. The money collected will be sent to a few of our chosen charities.

Your child can help by sending in 5p pieces from their pocket money for this worthwhile cause.

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.

Attendance.

The overall attendance for school was **96%** Our Year 2 children had the highest attendance so have earned an extra play-time. 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 next week. If there are any changes we will send a text home.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher