



8TH 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.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Congratulations to four of our Year 5 children who attended the maths challenge at St Cuthbert's High School last week on achieving 3rd place out of 12 schools.

Lost Property.

Please check that your child's name is in **all items** of school uniform. If your child comes home with a item of clothing which does not belong to them please return to school the next morning. If you have lost an item of clothing please call into the school office

Y6 Transfer Acceptance.

Y6 Parents are reminded to return the acceptance form to High School by the due date.

Please ensure that you accept the place offered to your child, this **does not** affect your right to appeal and will ensure that a place is allocated.

Due to our feeder Catholic High Schools being highly oversubscribed many of our pupils have not secured first choice places. Could I remind parents that proof of baptism is **necessary** at Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's High Schools.

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.

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.

Reception /Nursery Mother's Day Tea.

Please see below for the new amended dates;

Nursery Monday 25th March 2-3pm

Reception Monday 1st April 2.15-3pm

Health & Safety.

Parents Smoking in their cars.

May we remind parents that smoking in cars and other vehicles with someone under 18 is **against the law**. The law changed in 2015, to protect children and young people from the dangers of second-hand smoke

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.

Safeguarding.

In line with H&S **Parents are requested not to accompany their child into school.** If you wish to speak to a member of the teaching staff or SMT please make an appointment through the school office.

Before & After school telephone calls will be dealt with if the staff member is available.

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 vital

Jewellery/Earrings. I would like to once again remind parents that in line with our school Health and Safety policy **No** jewellery can be worn in school.

After School Club's.

Will run as normal next week. If there are any changes we will send a text home.

The next newsletter will be on Tuesday 22nd March 2019

Yours sincerely Mrs. Miller
Headteacher