



7TH SEPTEMBER 2018

# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

A warm welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely summer break, and are looking forward to the term ahead. The staff and myself would like to pass on our sincere thanks for all the lovely presents and cards received at the end of last term they were very much appreciated.

### The living value for this term is Unity.

Unity is harmony within and among individuals in the group.

Unity continues by accepting and appreciating each person and his or her contribution.

Unity is built from a shared goal, hope or vision.

Unity makes big tasks seem easy.

The greatness of unity is that everyone is respected. One note of disrespect can cause unity to be broken.

Unity creates the experience of cooperation, increases enthusiasm for the task and makes the atmosphere empowering.

Unity creates a sense of belonging and increases well-being for all.

### School Uniform & Hair styles.

Please read the reverse of this newsletter for more information regarding StMark's policy on school uniform.

### Guitar Lessons

Our guitar tutor Mr. Pattison will resume sessions again this Thursday for those children who take guitar lessons.

If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please enquire at the school office for prices and availability.

### 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.**

### Health & Safety

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

Would you please make sure when coming into school with your child that you do not enter through the double gates, at the front of the school. Some parents and children are cutting straight across the staff car park which is a real concern. The side gate should always be used, yellow lines guide the way into our school yard. Thank you for your support.

We are pleased to note that many children are now coming to school on their bikes. Please remind your child that they are not to **ride** their bike once they enter the school grounds.

### After School Clubs.

#### **Year 3 After School Football Training .**

This is a new after school football club for our Year 3 children, this club will start this Thursday 3.15/4.15pm if you would like your child to start this club please inform the school office. Places are limited for this club.

### 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.**

### SMASH.

Our new before and after school club is running in the new nursery building. If you wish for your child to use this provision please contact the school office. The sessions are as follows:

Morning session 8.00-8.50am

£2.00 per session.

Evening session 3.00 –5.45pm.

£8.00 for all children (sibling discount £6.00).

### School Photographs.

On Wednesday morning 17th October Focal Point photographers will be in school, all of our children will have their photographs taken.

### 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.

### Attendance

Once again this term we will be monitoring our attendance and punctuality.

I am aware of the awful bugs and viruses which hit school towards the end of last term, we will be working alongside our Attendance Officer.

If your child is marked late for two or more sessions per week ,a text will be sent home.

If your child is late for 6 mornings over a three week period a letter will be sent home asking you to attend a meeting with Myself and our attendance officer.

### 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.

### Teachers Training Day.

School is closed on Friday 26th October.

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 21st September 2018.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller  
Headteacher