



6TH OCTOBER 2017

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

Web <http://www.stmarksrprimary.co.uk>

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you also to those parents, carers and friends who managed to come along to our recent coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer charity. There were some fantastic mouth-watering cakes. We really do have some fantastic cooks amongst our parents! Many of you commented on how lovely it was to have a 'cuppa and a chat'. The total amount raised on the day was a brilliant **£190.00**. Thank you for the tremendous support shown. All money will be sent directly to the charity.

Harvest Festival.

Parents and Carers are invited to come along to our Harvest Festival service in church on **Thursday 19th October**. Our service will begin at 11am. Could we ask for donations of tins, (please make sure these are in date) fresh fruit or vegetables for our Harvest table.

Enterprise Sale from 2.00pm Thursday 19th October.

I am sure your child has mentioned our Enterprise week which is taking place in school very soon. On Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm parents and carers are invited to come along to see and buy the items that have been made by the children. All money raised on the day will be donated to CAFOD one of the charities which St. Mark's supports.

Parent Evenings. Parent Evenings are taking in place in school; on Monday 16th October & Tuesday 17th October, please note reception parents evening is Wednesday 18th October. Appointment sheets are now outside your child's classroom.

Year 6 Sacred Heart High School Open Evenings. This will be on Wednesday 18th October 6.00-7.30pm.

Year 6 Class Liturgy. On Thursday 12th October year 6 parents are invited into school at 9.00am.

Year 6 Planting Trees. Year 6 children will be planting trees around our local community on Wednesday 11th October. A letter has been sent home with your child.

Year 6 Application High school 2018.

You can now apply for high school by going online at www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions. If you need any help or advise regarding your online application for high school please do not hesitate please call into the school office. **Closing date is mid-day 31st October 2018.**

Reception Applications 2018.

Please remember, if you have a child who is due to begin **Reception class** in September 2018 you can now apply online by going to; www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

School Photographs. On Thursday morning 12th October Focal Point photographers will be in school, all of our children will have their photographs taken. This is how the morning will run;

Family Groups.

Parents who would like their child's photograph taken with younger siblings of non school age or who attend other schools or nurseries will be taken first **from 8.15am.**

After the bell rings, each child will have an individual photograph taken, if they have brothers or sisters in school they will have their photographs taken together. After the half term break Focal point will send us a proof photograph together with an order form which will be sent home for you to complete. We will let you know when the deadline for orders will be, but all photos will be back before Christmas, as I know these make lovely presents!

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

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.

Head Lice.

It has been brought to our attention that Head Lice is in school. Would you please check your child's hair on a regular basis. If your child has head lice then please make sure you treat their hair and it is clear before they come into school.

Health & Safety.

Would you please make sure that your children do not go on the climbing frame at the end of the day, as we do not have staff to supervise and we are concerned about accidents.

Could we please ask that **Parents do not park in the school car park this is for staff only.**

Late Dinner Money.

It has been brought to my attention that many parents are still handing their children's dinner money late despite previous text reminders.

Dinner money **Must** be sent into your child's class, not the school office on a Monday morning.

Attendance/ Lates.

We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality. 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.

After School Clubs.

Year 3 after school football club will continue to run as normal.

Teachers Training Day. School is closed on Friday 20th October.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Miller. Head Teacher.