



7TH OCTOBER 2018

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list of forthcoming dates for your diary which we hope you will find useful. As you will see this is a very busy time in school.

Enterprise Week

Our enterprise week begins on Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th October.

Our children have a busy but fun filled week to look forward to. The focus of the week is to raise money which is then donated to CAFOD, one of St. Mark's chosen charities, to support the valuable work they do. The children are all very creative and have made some fabulous items in the past. Parents/Carers are invited into school on Thursday afternoon, 25th October from 2pm where you can view and purchase the items made by your child.

School Photographs.

On Wednesday morning 17th 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**. 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!

Reception Applications 2019

Please remember, if you have a child who is due to begin **Reception class** in September 2019 you can now apply online by going to;
www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Year 6 Application High school 2019.

You can now apply for high school by going www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date is midday 31st October 2019.

Enterprise week.

On Monday 22nd October we are asking for your children to come to school wearing **BRIGHT COLOURED CLOTHES NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS**. This is to celebrate the start of our Enterprise week. We are asking for a £1.00 donation.

Thursday 25th October—Harvest Festival Celebrations.

Parents and carers are invited to come along to our Harvest Festival ceremony which will take place on Thursday 25th October at 11.00am at church.

This is a lovely ceremony and parents and carers are so generous providing donations of tins, fruit and vegetables for our Harvest Table.

Could we ask that donations of tins (these must be in date) be sent into school week commencing 22nd October and all fruit and vegetables to be handed into school on Wednesday 24th October giving us plenty of time to prepare our Harvest Table. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

School Uniform

In line with our school policy please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. I have also noticed that some children are still not wearing the correct footwear in school. **May I please remind parents that black or brown school shoes are to be worn, trainers cannot be worn in school.**

Warm Winter Coats. May we please ask parents to make sure that you send your child to school each morning with a warm winter coat as we now know that Autumn is approaching fast.

Parking.

I feel I must mention parking around school. For those parents who drop off or collect a child from school by car to please park with due care and consideration for our neighbours and our children. I would ask you not to park across residents drives as many of them have to go to work or take their children to school too!

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

Coffee Morning Friday 19th October 9.15am - 10am

Parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning in school in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Charity. I am sure, many of you or your family may have been touched or know of someone who has been affected so please support this worthwhile cause. Mrs Henderson is organising the event, and all money raised will be sent to the charity. All you fantastic cooks get baking! If you would like to donate a cake please send them into school on **Thursday 18TH October**. Thank you .

At break time there will be a stall for our children to buy a cake or biscuit. So a **small** amount of money may be given to your child to bring into school to support this worthy cause.

Year 6 Class Liturgy.

All parents/carers are invited to attend their child's class liturgy on Thursday 11th October at 9.00am.

Attendance

Our overall school attendance for last week was **96%**.

Well done to our Year 6 children who had the highest attendance.

We will, over this term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality.

If your child is poorly, please contact school as soon as possible on the morning of the first day of absence. If we do not know why your child is absent we shall mark this down as an unauthorised absence.

After School Clubs.

Clubs will continue to run as normal.

Please note that a responsible adult must collect children from all after school clubs. Children are not allowed to walk home by themselves.

School will break up for half term on **Thursday 25th October and will reopen on Monday 5th November.**

Yours sincerely Mrs Miller.

Mrs Miller
Headteacher