



19TH OCTOBER 2018

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parent/Carers,

Below is a few gentle reminders;

School Uniform

In line with our school policy please ensure your child is wearing their 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.**

Wear Bright Colours.

On Monday 22nd October we are asking for your children to come to school wearing **BRIGHT COLOURED CLOTHES NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS./ SPORTS TOPS CAN BE WORN.**

This is to celebrate the start of our Enterprise week. We are asking for a £1.00 donation.

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.

KS2 Guitar Lessons.

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

Health & Safety.

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.

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 next week, 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.

After School Clubs.

Movement Critters.

This is a new club for our Nursery & Reception children which will start on Wednesday 7th November.

If you wish to put your child's name down for this club please inform the school office.

Places for this club are limited if we are over subscribed names will be drawn out of a hat.

Year 3 Football Club.

Year 3 after school football club has now finished.

This club will **not be** continuing after the half term.

Year5/6 After School Basketball Club.

This is a new club for our Y5 & Y6 children which will start on Thursday 8th November 3.15/4.15pm.

If you wish to put your child's name down for this club please inform the school office.

Year 5/6 After School Sewing Club Thursday 3.15/4.15pm.

There is still spaces left for our new sewing club please inform the school office for more information.

Ks2 Art Club.

This club will start on Tuesday 6th November. This club is now full.

Y4 & Y5 St. Mark's Challenge.

Will continue to run as normal next week and will continue after the half term holiday.

Please note that a responsible adult must collect children from **all** after school clubs.

Children are **not** allowed to walk home by themselves.

Reception Applications 2019

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

Year 6 Application High school 2019.

Closing date is midday 31st October 2018.

Attendance

Our overall school attendance for last week was **97%**.

Well done to Year1 & Year2 children who have had the highest attendance.

We will, over the new 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.

Holiday Requests.

Holiday Requests **can no longer be authorised** by Mrs Miller. The local authority are encouraging schools to take legal action against parents who regularly take unauthorised holidays and absence.

Letters will be sent out to parents who take holiday's during term time.

SMASH.

Please read the back of this newsletter regarding staffing changes at our before and after school provision.

Training Day.

School will be closed on Friday 26th October.

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

Yours sincerely Mrs Miller.