



17TH NOVEMBER 2017

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Living Value

The living value this half term is **PEACE**

Peace is more than the absence of war

Peace is living in harmony and not fighting with others

If everyone in the world were peaceful, this world would be a peaceful world

Peace is being quiet inside

Peace is a calm and relaxed state of mind

Peace consists of positive thoughts, pure feelings and good wishes.

"Peace must begin with each one of us. Through quiet and serious reflection on its meaning, new and creative ways can be found to foster understanding, friendship and cooperation among all peoples"

"Javier Perez de Cuellar, Former Secretary- General of the United Nations."

School Photographs. All photographs will be delivered before the end of term.

Non Uniform Day on Friday 1st December.

Children may come into school wearing their own clothes. Should your child wish to take part we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child. Money will be used to support school activities for our children.

Can you Help?

Do you know of or work for a company who would be willing to donate a prize for our Christmas Fayre. If so, would you be prepared to hand in a donation letter on our behalf? All donations no matter how small would be greatly appreciated. Letters can be collected from the school office.

Christmas Fayre.

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm if you have any unwanted gifts or bottles please hand into school all donations are much appreciated.

Christmas Lunch.

Every year we give children who are on **packed lunch** the opportunity of having a cooked Christmas lunch. Christmas dinner this year is on Tuesday 19th December. If your child is normally a **packed lunch** and would like a cooked Christmas Lunch please write a short note stating their name, class and enclose £2.00 payment (£1.90 Nursery children). **Orders must be handed into the school office by Friday 1st December. No names can be taken after this date as our cook must order all food well in advance.**

Children's Christmas Performances.

Tuesday 12th December.

KS2 Nativity — 5.00pm

Wednesday 13th December

KS2 Nativity —9.30am

KS1 Nativity —2.00pm

Thursday 14th December

KS1 Nativity —9.30am

Monday 18th December.

Nursery Christmas Nativity —2pm

Information regarding ordering tickets will be sent home over the next few weeks.

Church Car Parking.

Would parents please read the letter which is on the reverse of this newsletter regarding church car parking

St. Mark's Nursery January Intake.

If you know a child who has turned 3 years of age and is looking for a Nursery place this January for 15/30hr funding please call into the school office for an application form.

Whole school Panto - Friday 8th December.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their contribution for this visit. As previously mentioned this trip is being heavily subsidised by school. Could we ask that contributions and consent forms are handed back into school no later than next Friday as we need to book the tickets.

Year 5 VE Day coffee afternoon.

Y5 would like to invite parents /carers, aunts ,uncles ,friends, family and grand-parents into school on Thursday 30th November at 2.30pm for a VE coffee afternoon to conclude their World War 2 topic.

More information will be sent home over the next few days.

Attendance.

Our overall school attendance for last week was **97%** We will, over this term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality, alongside our Education Welfare Officer.

Ready Steady Read.

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between 27th November and 3rd December. All money raised will go towards brand new books for school.

NSPCC Parent Workshop.

We would like to invite all parents & carers to a free online safety workshop at school on Wednesday 29th November at 2pm. Places are limited for this workshop, if you would like to book your place please inform the school office, by 23rd November.

Reception Applications September 2018 .

Parents who have a child due to begin Reception class next September are reminded that the closing date for applications is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Our next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 1st December.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher