



22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I would like to begin this week's letter by congratulating our Year 6 children. The children recently attended a residential stay at Hawkthirst Activity Centre in Kielder where they took part in a wide range of brilliant activities. Their behaviour was fantastic, and they were great ambassadors for our school. Well done..

A Few Reminders Lost Property

From time to time children may lose or misplace an item of their uniform. Parents are reminded that all uniform, coats/jackets **must** be clearly marked with your child's name. It is extremely difficult for lost property to be returned to its rightful owner if there is no name inside. If your child accidentally brings another child's clothing home with them can we ask that this be returned to school as soon as possible.

School Uniform. May we remind parents that in line with our school uniform policy. Children are required to wear **Grey** school trousers or a grey skirt. Not Jogging or Track Pants. **Black can not be worn.**

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.

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

If your child comes to school wearing earrings you will be contacted and asked to come into school to remove them.

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.

Farewell.

Dear parents we are sorry to say that after a long period of illness Mrs Jardine has decided to leave her post as Teaching Assistant at St Mark's.

Mrs Jardine has been a valuable member of St Mark's teaching team for 11 Years. We thank her for her hard work, dedication and wonderful sense of humour. She will be greatly missed.

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!

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.

Safeguarding Before & After School.

Now that we are settled back into school, can we ask KS2 parents to leave their children on the yard from 8.40am.

This will prevent congestion in school.

Many thanks for your Co-operation in this matter.

Attendance

We will, over this term, continue to monitor attendance, punctuality and collection of children at the end of the school day

Reception Reading Meeting.

Parents are invited into school on Tuesday 25th September at 2.30pm or Tuesday 25th September at 5.15pm. Further information has been sent home with your child.

After School Clubs.

Clubs will continue to run as normal.

There is still a few places left for our Y3 after school football club if your child is interested in joining this club please inform the school office.

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

Enterprise Week 22nd-25th October.

Each class is given £25 and is asked to multiply it to make money for charity. Come along and buy the beautiful things your child has made and donate money to CAFOD at our Enterprise sale on Thursday afternoon at 2pm.

Welcome back Service.

All parents/ carers are invited to attend our welcome back service on Thursday 27th September at 11am in St Marks church.

Parents Evening.

We will be having a whole class parent meeting this year. Staff will outline the curriculum and answer any queries you may have. The session will last approximately 30 minutes and will be held in your child's classroom a letter regarding dates and times has been sent home with your child.

Individual parent evenings will be held after Christmas.

Our next news letter will be on Friday 5th October 2018.

Yours Sincerely Mrs. Miller.