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ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Too Early

A number of children are coming into school before doors open at 8.40am. For health and safety reasons, can I remind parents that children should not be left unsupervised on the school yard.

Could we please ask parents not to allow your child to play on the astro turf or on the trim trail before and after the school day.

School Lunches. If your child has a school dinner on a Monday they have to stay on school lunches all week. They can not change to packed lunch mid week as Mrs Elliott has ordered the food for your child for the week.

No Dogs Allowed.

For health and safety can we ask that no dogs are brought onto school premises. There was an incident last term where a child had walked through dog's dirt this was subsequently brought into school which as you can imagine makes an awful mess.

P.E. Kits

Please remember your child **must** have the correct PE Kit in school, **this consists of Yellow polo shirt and blue school shorts.** Kits should be brought into school each Monday and taken home on Friday to wash. As PE is part of our school curriculum all children must take part.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March.

To celebrate world book day your child may come to school wearing their pyjamas along with their favourite bedtime story book. More information will be sent home after half term.

Bikes & Scooters. Could we please point out that children and their siblings are **Not allowed** to ride bikes, hover boards, skateboards or scooter's on the school yard as we do not want any accidents happening. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Headlice. Could I ask that parents/carers to please check your child's hair regularly. If your child has head lice then please make sure you treat their hair and it is clear before they come into school.

Hair Styles.

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.

Hawkhurst Residential Stay – September 2018/9

Just a reminder to our Year 5 parents whose children are going to Kielder in September that the first deposit is due to be paid by Friday 1st March thank you to those parents who have already handed this payment into the school office.

Nursery 2019

We are now accepting names for our Nursery for April & September. If your child is due to begin their pre-school year and you are wanting a place in our Nursery class, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you to all of the parents who have already applied.

If you know of parents who are looking for a place for their child please ask them to contact the school.

Dinner Money.

A reminder that dinner money **MUST** come into school on a Monday morning and should be handed into your child's class in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Please do not hand dinner money into the school office.** If we do not receive your child's dinner money on the Monday you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch from home for the rest of the week.

Health & Safety.

Adminstrating Prescribed Medication to Children in school.

All medicines should be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the child's name & the prescriber's instructions for administration.

We are unable to administrate cal-pol/paracetamol with out a pharmacy label with your child's name visible on the bottle.

After school clubs.

Next Thursday 14th February will be our last after school Football session for Year 2 children.

Year 3/4 Thursday Night After School Football Club 3.15/4.15pm.

This is a new club which will start on Thursday 28th February.

If your child is interested in joining this club please leave their name at the school office places for this club are limited.

Attendance. & illness.

The overall attendance for school was **94%**

Well done to our Year 5 children who had the highest attendance. 96%

As part of the Government, Local Authority and school attendance initiatives all parents must contact school to inform us if your child is absent before 10.30 on their day of absence.

Failure to do so will be recorded as unauthorised and may lead to a visit from the attendance officer.

We will, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality. If your child's attendance has fallen below **90%** a letter will be sent home.

We will also closely monitor any late comers if your child is regularly late a letter will be sent home. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

SVP Camp for Year 5 & 6 Children.

The SVP are once again running their Holy Island summer camp for Y5&Y6 children, if you require more information about this camp please call into the school office.

Holiday Requests.

Holiday Requests **cannot** be authorised by Mrs Miller. The local authority are encouraging schools to take legal action against parents who take unauthorised holidays and absence.

Please note that school closes next Friday 15th February and re-opens on Monday 25th February.

Our next Newsletter will be on 1st March 2019

ours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher