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ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term, I hope you all had a restful break.

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.

Parents will be contacted and asked to bring in their child's PE kits.

Holy Week

Liturgies will take place in school for the children.

Easter Celebration

Parents are invited to come along to our Easter Celebration led by our Year 3 & 4 children on Thursday 29th March. This will begin at approximately 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Break

School will break up on Thursday 29th March **for one week only.** We will return on Monday 9th April.

World Book Day Thursday 1st March.

To celebrate world book day your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, however please do not spend lots of money buying outfits. **Please note that Children can not wear football tops/kits or sport tops.**

Holiday Requests.

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

Y3 Liturgy Friday 2nd March.

We have had to **change our Year 3 class liturgy** as the original date collided with our world Book Day.

Parents and carers are now invited to come along to our class liturgy next Friday morning beginning at 9am. We hope you can make it.

Bikes & Scooters.

Could we please point out that children and their siblings are **Not allowed** to ride bikes, hover boards, skateboards or scooters on the school yard as we do not want any accidents happening. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

5p Appeal.

During Lent we encourage our children to think about helping others.

The money collected will be used to buy food for our local foodbank.

Your child can help by sending in 5p pieces from their pocket money for this worthwhile cause.

Hawkhurst Residential Stay – September 2018.

Just a reminder to our Year 5 parents whose children are going to Kielder in September that the first deposit is due today, thank you to those parents who have already handed this payment into the school office.

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.

Universal Credit / Free School Meals.

Yesterday your child was sent home with a letter regarding changes to FSM entitlement. If you think that you may be entitled to FSM please call into the school office for more information.

Nursery September 2018.

We are now accepting names for our Nursery for 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.

After school clubs.

Year 3/4 After school Football club Thursday night 3.15/4.15pm.

This is a new club which started last night, we are now opening this club up to Y3 & Y4 as there is still places available.

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

Attendance.

The overall attendance for school was 93%

Well done to our Year 2 children who had the highest attendance. 96%

We will, over the next term, 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.

Our next Newsletter will be on 9th March 2018

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher