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# ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list of forthcoming dates for your diary which we hope you will find useful.

This list is not exhaustive and further dates will be added throughout the term.

## Harvest Festival

Parents and Carers are invited to come along to our Harvest Festival service in school on Friday 21st October. Our service will begin around 9am. Could we ask for donations of tins, (please make sure these are in date) fresh fruit or vegetables for our Harvest table.

Each year we ask parents/carers if they know of anyone elderly within our parish who would like to receive a Harvest parcel. If so names can be sent in from now please write the name and address of the person nominated together with your child's name and hand it into the school office. Could we ask that all names be in by next Wednesday 20th October. **No names will be taken on the day.**

After our service your child will be given a parcel to deliver. The remainder of the donations will be collected by representatives from the St. Vincent De Paul charity.

## Enterprise Sale from 2.00pm Friday 21st October .

I am sure your child has mentioned our Enterprise week which is taking place in school throughout next week .Parents and carers are invited to come along to see and buy the items that have been made by the children. All money raised on the day will be donated to CAFOD one of the charities which St. Mark's supports.

## Year 3 Old Paperback Books & Buttons Needed.

If you have any old paperback books or loose buttons which you no longer need could we please ask that you send them into Year 3 for their craft activities. Thank you.

**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.

## Reception Parents - Stay and Play Wednesday 9th November 1.20pm

Reception class parents/carers are invited to come and spend the afternoon in Reception class. This will give you an insight as to how your child learns through play. We hope you will be able to come along.

## Cloakroom Congestion.

Could we also request that parents of our KS2 children do not come into the cloakrooms with their child in the mornings, our cloakrooms are not huge areas and this does causes congestion. Thank you for your support.

## Warm Winter Coats.

As Autumn is approaching fast may we please ask parents to make sure that you send your child to school each morning with a warm winter coat.

## Hair Style's.

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 .Thank you for your support in this matter.

## School Uniform / Footwear.

In line with our school policy please ensure your child is wearing **full** school uniform. **This is GREY (not Black) trousers or skirt. Track pants or jeggings /leggings cannot be worn.**

I have also noticed that some children are still not wearing the correct footwear in school. May I please remind parents that **boots/trainers can not** be worn in school.

They can be worn to travel to and from school but your child **Must** change into black or brown school shoes upon arrival into school.

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance for last week was **95.8% Well done to our Year 2 children who had the highest attendance.**

We will, over this term, continue to monitor attendance and punctuality, alongside our Education Welfare Officer.

## New School Dinner Menu's.

We have changed our dinner menu for Autumn/Winter .A copy of this menu is available from the school office or you can view it on our school website.

## School Photographs.

Yesterday the children had their school photograph taken, proofs will be sent home next week.

## Guitar Lessons

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

## After School Clubs.

There is no after school football club this Thursday for our Year 5/6 children please collect your children at 3.15pm.

Year 3 after school football will continue as normal

## Art Club.

This club has now finished for our Y3 children.

## Year 6 Application High school 2017. Closing date is midday 31st October 2016.

## Reception Applications 2017.

If you have a child who is due to begin Reception class in September 17 you can now apply online by going to;

[www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions) The closing date for applications is 13th January 2017.

School will break up for half term on Friday 21st October and reopen on Monday 31st October.

Mrs. Miller  
Headteacher