



24TH JANUARY 2017

ST MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Below is a few Gentle reminders ;

Parent Evenings

Parents/Carers are invited to come along to Parents evening on either Monday 13th February, 3.30pm – 6.00pm or Wednesday 15th February 3.30pm – 5.00pm. This will give you the opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher and discuss their progress and targets. Appointment sheets will be placed outside your child's classroom over the next few days.

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.

Hawkthirst Residential Stay – September 2017

Year 5 parents whose children are going to Hawkthirst at Kielder in September can begin paying for the trip from now. An Initial first deposit of £35.00 should be handed into the school office no later than Friday 17th February. Thank you.

Homework

A number of our children are still not handing in homework. Please ensure that this is completed and returned by the due date. Thank you.

Y2 Class Liturgy

Our Y2 Parents are invited to come along to a Class liturgy tomorrow 25th January at 9am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Reception Writing.

Reminder Reception Parents /Carers are invited into school for a writing workshop on Tuesday 2nd February at 2.30pm & 5.30pm.

Parents Athletics Workshop .

Parents are invited into school on Monday 6th February at 2.30pm to take part in a Athletics Work. Further information regarding this workshop will be sent home soon.

Health & Safety .

Administrating 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.

Car Parking.

It has once again been brought to my attention that some parents are parking inappropriately when dropping off or collecting their children from school.

Can I please ask you to park with consideration for other members of our community, your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

PE kits.

PE kits must be brought into school each Monday and taken home each Friday for washing. A number of children regularly forgot their kits last year. Please remember 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 if it is not in school for lessons.

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.

School Footwear.

Just a reminder to parents that **Black/Brown Shoes** are part of the school uniform policy. Boots/trainers can **only** be worn to travel to and from school but your child **must** change into their shoes once in school.

After School Clubs.

Year 2 After School Football Training .

will continue as usual this Thursday 3.15/4.15pm.

Reception Trip to the Baltic.

Letters have been sent home regarding Reception's trip to the Baltic, if you have not already handed back into class your child's permission slip and £5.00 contribution. Would you please hand the slip back into class no later than this Friday. School packed lunches can not be ordered after Friday 27th January.

Attendance/Lates.

The overall attendance for school was **97%**. Our Year 6 children had the highest attendance so have earned an extra play-time.

Doors are open from 8.40am and children may go into their classroom from this time. We expect all children to be in school when the bell rings at 8.50am, after which cloakroom doors will be closed. Children arriving after this time will be given a late mark. Parents who have siblings please ensure that all of your children arrive in school on time, as sometimes children who are in Ks1 at the front of school catch their register, while siblings in KS2 at the rear of school may miss their register resulting in a late mark being given. Your support is appreciated.

We will be contacting parents and monitoring those children who regularly come into school late. If your child is late 2 or more mornings in a week a text will be sent home informing you that late marks have been given. If punctuality does not improve parents will be contacted by letter.

First Holy Communion Preparation.

It was lovely to hear that so many children attended St Mark's Church on Sunday in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

We look forward to supporting you and hope to see you attend our preparation class in school on 30/01/2017 at 3.15-4.15pm.

Our next newsletter will be on Tuesday 7th February 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Miller
Headteacher