



St Mark's News

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope by the time you read this newsletter you are in your homes, warm and cosy, what a week we've had with freezing temperatures and snow!

It has been some time since the decking area was clad in astro turf and revamped into an outdoor seating area. Since then we have been waiting for the sail, to cover the space to be put up. Three have been made, all of which have proved problematic for one reason or another. Yesterday the team were back to install what we thought would be the final sail but unfortunately it too was not suitable. We hope to get the issue resolved soon.

Keep warm, see you on Monday.

Ms Braithwaite

St Mark's Family Disco

Get your dancing shoes on as the St Mark's Spring Disco organised by St Mark's Family will be on Friday 23rd March in the school hall. Early years and up to year 2 will be 3.30 - 5.30pm and years 3 - 6 will be 6 - 8pm. Tickets will be on the door £3 per child (from 3 years) for disco, pizza and non-stop squash. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

All money raised will go towards the playground make-over. But we need your help to make this happen..... at least 10 people for each disco so 20 in all and at the moment we only have 2 volunteers. Please sign up at the office. We are particularly looking for people who can face paint for the first disco and also people to serve pizza and sell other foods. It would be great to get new volunteers.

Uniform Charges

Due to increased charges from our uniform supplier we will also have to increase our prices after Easter. Schools are not allowed to make a profit on uniform so please be assured that we are only selling our uniform for the prices we are charged. New prices are available from the office.

Cashless payments

We have been weighing up the different options for becoming a cash free school. Several companies have been in to give demonstrations on different technology available. After much consideration we have decided to continue to accept cash as the profits made by the companies exceed what we believe is value for money as a cost for our school. As more technology becomes available and the market becomes more competitive we will review our arrangements.

World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents/carers for supporting your children to celebrate World Book Day either by coming in to read with them or organising their outfit.

It was truly amazing seeing so many children dress up as book characters. The children were given the opportunity to participate in a 'World Book Day' parade across the stage and talk about their costume, character and author.

Reading is essential for a child's success. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work too. Celebration days like World Book Day encourage children to explore books and have a positive experience.

Bible Verse of the Week

Proverbs 3:5

*Trust the Lord with all your heart,
and don't depend on your own understanding.*



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St Mark's Church of England Primary School

TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2018/19	
Autumn Term 2018 Total Days: 75	
Term Starts:	Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th September 2018 – INSET DAYS
Children return:	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Half Term:	Monday 22 nd October 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018
Children return:	Monday 29 th October 2018
Term Ends:	Friday 21 st December 2018 @ 2pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 24 th December 2018 to Friday 4 th January 2019
Spring Term 2019 Total Days: 60	
Term Starts:	Monday 7 th January 2019 – INSET DAY
Children return:	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Half Term:	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February 2019
Children return:	Monday 25 th February 2019
Term Ends:	Friday 5 th April 2019 @ 2pm
Easter Holidays:	Good Friday 19 th April 2019 / Easter Monday 22 nd April 2019
Spring Holidays:	Monday 8 th April 2019 – Monday 22 nd April 2019
Summer Term 2019 Total Days: 60	
Term Starts:	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Children return:	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Inset Day	Friday 3 rd May 2019
Half Term:	Monday 27 th May 2019 – Friday 31 st May 2019
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June 2019 – INSET DAY
Children return:	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Terms Ends:	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 @ 2pm
Bank Holidays	May Day Monday – 6 th May 2019
	Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 27 th May 2019
	Summer Bank Holiday - Monday 28 th August 2019

The total number of pupil days is 190

INSET Days = 5

TOTAL DAYS 195

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