



St Mark's News

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Thy Word Is A Lamp To My Feet And
A Light To My Path

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents for your support and patience with the issue relating to Duncombe, we know that last week's news came as a great shock to you all. Unfortunately, there are still no updates to be shared with you other than the police have agreed to meet with parents from both schools but as yet have not given us a date for this.

As always, if you do wish to speak to me regarding any concern please make an appointment at the office to do this.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Ms Braithwaite

After School Club

The new after school club timetable is proving to be VERY popular, with some of the highest numbers of children attending that we've seen in years. Apologies to the families of the children who had signed up for Alpha football before the disbandment of SWES. I know there was quite a bit of confusion and lack of clarity but I hope everyone is clear now.

I would like to thank the wonderful teachers for all stepping in without any knowledge of why I needed their help. I know from the feedback that both them and the children are enjoying the new approach.

On the evening of 21st November after school clubs run by teachers will be covered by Lance and Jamal as teachers will be meeting parents at the consultation evening.

Justice

In collective worship we have been thinking about the value of 'Justice' we have also been learning about Joseph and his brothers. The children always amaze us with their ideas and knowledge and we are encouraging you to continue these conversations at home. Next week our Value is Service.

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. The school council are asking all children to come to school in spots or a bright colour. They will be organising games and activities for the day which all children will take part in. Children are also asked to donate £1 to the charity. We raised a grand total of £527 from our McMillan cake sale and non-uniform day. Let's see if we can do equally as well for Children in need too.

Calling all budding artists and creative parents!

Would you have any spare time to help decorate our school garden by working with a mosaic artist? We are running a creative project for parents which began on Thursday 7 November. The sessions run from 2pm to 3pm for 6 weeks and Parents will make mosaics that will be immediately used to decorate our outside spaces and become long standing additions to the school environment and gardens. It is not too late to sign up and if you think you can commit to 6 sessions on a Thursday afternoon please inform the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Y5 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th November 10am
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 19 th November 10am
Parent consultations	Thurs 21 st Nov - 3.45 onwards
End of term	Friday 20 th December -2pm

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision

In preparation for our Remembrance Day Service on Monday we are asking all children to make a poppy at home.



In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.

Children may choose to make either a red or purple poppy.



The purple poppy is often worn to remember animals that have been victims of war. Animals like horses, dogs and pigeons were often drafted into the war effort, and those that wear the purple poppy feel their service should be seen as equal to that of human service.