



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The staff and the children have returned in good spirit and life at St Mark's Primary School resumes once again. Welcome to our new children and families, we hope you really enjoy your time at this school.

Wishing you all good things for 2019,

Ms Braithwaite

Christmas Fair – 2018

Thank you to Emma, Regina, Terry, Samina and all the other parents who volunteered their time for organising a great Christmas Fair. Many of you attended and Santa's Grotto proved to be very popular once again. I am pleased to announce that over £1000 was raised at the fair.

Year 2 Parents Invitation to Lunch

Parents of our lovely Year 2 children are invited to join them for lunch this January. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come in and get an idea of the tasty, healthy meal your child has at school. Parents will receive a letter to sign up for this next week.

Uniform

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is compulsory that children wear correct school uniform. Leggings are not allowed and all trousers, skirts and pinafores must be grey and **not black**. All black shoes or trainers are permitted and we recommend Velcro fastening for children in Reception and Nursery. Boots or wellingtons may be worn for the journey into school but children must change into their shoes when they get to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emergency Contact Numbers

If your contact details change at any time, please inform the office immediately. All children should have at least two emergency contact numbers. It is important we can contact you in case of emergencies.

The school's target for attendance has been raised!

We have raised the school's target for attendance this year to 97% and we are really pleased to announce that Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 all managed to achieve this ambitious target by the end of the autumn term. Well done children! There is still time for the other classes to catch up this term. Please make sure that your child is in school and on time every day. If you want to speak to someone about your child's attendance please see Ayesha Taylor the School Home Support Practitioner any Wednesday or Thursday.

Dates For Your Diary

Y6 Class Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd January 10am
Y5 Class Assembly	Tuesday 29 th January 10am
Y4 Class Assembly	Tuesday 5 th February 10am
Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th February 10am
Half term	Mon 18 th -Fri 22 nd February
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 5 th March 10am
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th March 10am
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 19 th March 10am
Nursery Assembly	Tuesday 26 th March 10am
Parent Consultations	Thurs 28 th March 3.45 onwards
End of Term	Friday 5 th April -2pm

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.
Plans to prosper you and not harm you.
Plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29 v11

Parent Gym

Free workshops for parents



DATE	Topic
Thursday 31 Jan	Come and sign up and find out more about this popular parenting program. All welcome at this taster session.
Thursday 7 Feb	CHAT – understand what helps children to communicate confidently.
Thursday 14 Feb	LOVE – how to balance warmth with discipline
Thursday 28 Feb	BEHAVE –how to be consistent in setting boundaries
Thursday 7 March	CARE – how to raise healthy children
Thursday 14 March	DISCOVER - how to encourage learning
Thursday 21 March	TOGETHER – building a strong family

Workshops are in the music room 9.am.

Tea and coffee available.

We look forward to seeing you there.