



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. This is a very short half term with only five weeks cut short by bank holidays. Everyone will be very busy!! It was lovely to start the term off with our Easter bonnet parade. Thank you to everyone who took part. I hope you all had a peaceful break and were able to enjoy the Easter weekend sunshine.

Please remember school is shut to children next Friday 3rd May and children return on Tuesday 7th May.

Wishing you a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Ms Braithwaite

Easter Service at St Mark's Church

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for Easter Service at St Mark's Church. I am sure you were all impressed by our children's beautiful singing and acting at this very important event in the Christian calendar.

World Book\ Dress-Up Day

Thank you to Miss Michael and Miss Williams for organising book day and to all children who dressed up. I am always amazed by the range and creativity shown by so many of you. The children right the way up from nursery loved showing off their costumes and found much amusement in some of the staff efforts! Please visit our website to see some of the costumes.

Parents Evening Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who came along to meet with their child's class teacher. These meetings went extremely well with lots of positive feedback from teachers and parents about the progress that children are making. Please remember that in line with our school's open-door policy, you can make an appointment at a mutually convenient time with your child's class teacher, if you need to discuss anything additional. Thank you also for your questionnaire feedback which was extremely positive. A copy of the results is printed on the reverse of this newsletter.

Uniform

As the warmer weather increases and parents purchase new uniform, please be mindful of our uniform policy. School polo tops can be purchased from the school office. Summer dresses must be in the gingham print in

Royal blue (not navy or yellow). All footwear must be black and open toe shoes are not allowed.

Class Open Afternoons

I hope all the parents who were able to come along and spend time in their child's class last term found the experience enjoyable. Open afternoons are an invitation to all parents to come, take part in and see their child's class learning. Please make a note of the date for this term's open afternoon for your child's class which will be included in the summer term class letters being sent out on Monday. The sessions begin at 2.15 pm, please do try and come along.

One Day Intensive Course for Parents and Carers

Tracey Campbell, Behaviour Consultant, is hosting a one day course for parents and carers on Saturday 11th May from 10am to 2pm. Tracey is well known to St Mark's and many of you have attended and benefitted from previous behavior sessions she has hosted. For more information on this course, please pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

INSET (School Closed)	Friday 3 rd May
Bank Holiday—May Day	Monday 6 th May
Y6 SATs	Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th May
Y6 School Journey	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May
INSET (School Closed)	Monday 3 rd June

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision



St Mark's CofE Primary School Spring Term 2019 Parent Questionnaire Results

		STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW
1.	My child is happy at this school	88%	12%			
2.	My child feels safe at this school	89%	11%			
3.	My child makes good progress at this school	86%	12%	2%		
4.	My child is well looked after at this school	86%	14%			
5.	My child is taught well at this school	82%	18%			
6.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	81%	16%	3%		
7.	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85%	14%			1%
8.	This school deals effectively with bullying	74%	13%	4%	1%	8%
9.	This school is well led and managed	80%	20%			
10.	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	74%	25%	1%		
11.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	85%	15%			
12.	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	86%	14%			

Any further comments:

- Happy my child is progressing very well.
- All brilliant!
- This is an excellent school.
- Thank you! We love St Mark's.
- Brilliant school. Very supportive and a great place for children, firm but fair.
- Caring Year 4 teacher.
- All round myself and my son are very happy at St Mark's. I removed him from another school to come here and since then he has improved in so many ways with his learning and behaviour.
- Very happy with the boys' progress in the 4 years they've been here.
- I love this school.
- I love this school always have and always will.
- In my experience I absolutely love this school, it has a very warm and loving feeling and is managed very well. The teachers are all great and I would recommend this school to anyone.
- I love St Mark's and all the staff.
- Many thanks for all of your hard work. Our children are thriving here. We haven't once heard them say they don't want to go to school, which says a lot.
- Thank you very much for all the hard work by everyone. My children love their school, so I'm very happy. Thank you.
- Love St Mark's!
- I am very satisfied with all the aspects of education my son receives from St Mark's. It's a very welcoming school and feel proud to be part of it. Many thanks.
- Excellent school, very happy with the input and work.
- Keep it up!