



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our tree and Christmas hoops are all twinkling brightly in the entrance to the school, reminding us that; **Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth for all people.** We are all looking forward to Christmas day when hopefully we can be with our loved ones.

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who have been able to attend some of our festive celebrations. The website is full of pictures of these events and I'm sure you have heard about them from your children too.

During the challenging times that we are all enduring, here at the school we appreciate the many messages of support we receive from you. The staff here have worked tirelessly through difficult circumstances to ensure your children are happy, safe and making good progress and I am grateful for their efforts.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Very Best Wishes, Ms Braithwaite

COVID TESTING REMINDER

PCR tests should be taken if your child:

- shows covid symptoms
- has had a positive lateral flow test
- has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case

Lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic testing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. If your child has symptoms a PCR test should be arranged. If someone in your household tests positive for Covid please arrange for a PCR test.

Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate and wait for the results of their PCR test. Anyone without symptoms at Primary School can continue to attend school but should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. If your child becomes symptomatic during this time keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test.

REMINDER

If any of your personal details or contact information change, please inform the office straight away. Please also ensure that we have **at least** 3 emergency contact numbers in case we need to contact you.

Friends of St Marks goes from strength to strength.

This year we held not one, but two, outside fairs which were a first for our school. We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of St Mark's who made these events so special.

We are pleased to say that **£1160** was made at the Autumn fair and **£970** was made at the Winter fair. This fundraising is so important for our school and exciting plans are being developed on how to spend this money next term. Look out for more information in our newsletters on how you can get involved with the Friends group in January 2022.

Primary School Admissions 2022

We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received is Saturday 15th January 2022. To give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications on time.

Merry Christmas!

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

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision