



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,

I can hardly believe that we are just weeks away from the end of another academic year. The summer term is always very busy with much to look forward to. This term is always filled with great events. In particular, I know I am very much looking forward to our birthday celebration on the 13th July. Our Y6 continue to be focused and after seven years with us are counting down their last seven weeks. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Secondary Transfer

This is a reminder that some secondary schools need to be applied for before the official application submission date in October. If you are a parent of a child in Y5 who wishes to apply for a selective school or a school which has aptitude tests, please check their website for key dates.

Sun Protection

The warm weather is on its way and brings with it the need for protection against the sun. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat, and has sun protection cream on at school. This should ideally be put on before they leave the house and can be re-applied at lunch time if parents and carers come in to apply it. The warm weather also brings out allergies for some children. If your child suffers with Hay-fever please give them child approved allergy medication before they come to school. A water bottle is also required.

Reminder-After School Club – Off Site 21st June

On Wednesday 21st June our after school club will be based at Duncombe Primary School for that evening only. Pick-up will be at Duncombe School which is at the other end of Sussex Way.

PING

We have a few families who are yet to download School PING. Without this you will not receive key messages and information from the school. In our plight to reduce waste we no longer provide paper communications. Not having the app leave children susceptible to missing information and events.

school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal and granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Some Asian food, including satay

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision