



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been yet another incredibly busy half term with much happening in the life of our school, thank you to teachers and parents for your continued support and dedication towards every day being a platform for great learning. I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 30th October. Ms Braithwaite

Secondary Transfer

This will be our final newsletter reminder that all applications for secondary transfer need to be in for 31st October. Although the date is after our return from half term, it is advised that you submit your form before the deadline as the site is known to crash.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 17th October at 2pm

Thank you to everyone for donating so generously to our Harvest Celebration. Our trolley was over 'floweth'. For those who joined us at Church for our service, we hope you enjoyed the spirit, singing and time together.

Parental Assistance with Trips

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE support us with our upcoming school trips. Your involvement is invaluable for two key reasons:

1. Teacher Support: Your assistance allows our teachers to provide the best experience for our children.
2. Understanding Your Child's Learning: It's a chance to gain insights into what your child is learning at school. Due to funding cuts our staff team is smaller than it ever has been. Your support to make trips possible is very much appreciated and your presence truly matters! Please consider joining us on these educational adventures and let your child's teacher know, when appropriate.

Y6 Parents to lunch

We hope that the Y6 parents who came in last Thursday to have lunch with their child enjoyed their meals. It has been a while since parents joined us in the dining hall but throughout the year we hope to get you all in. Our Y6 Junior Leaders have chosen the new menu and are very excited about their choices.

Y5 parents are invited in have lunch in November, please look out for a message after half term.

Update on Israel and Palestine

I am sure many of you are concerned about the escalation of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Territories. It is almost impossible to switch on the TV or listen to the radio without it dominating the broadcast. You may also have seen or heard about the images and videos being circulated on social media, as well as the increase in protests and disturbances in the UK.

The conflict can be triggering for adults, children and young people and we know that events in the region can have a knock-on effect on inter-faith relations, hate crime incidents and exploitation by extremists.

It is important that children of all religions, faiths, and backgrounds feel safe and here at St Mark's we will not tolerate any form of hate crime.

Class teachers have been given materials provided by the local authority to support children with how to talk to each other and listen in a way that promotes understanding and co-existence.

Parents Prayer Group

After quite a long break, I am delighted to announce that our parent prayer group has been reformed. The first session will take place on Wednesday 1st November at 8.10am in the Music room.

A GENTLE REMINDER

If you are reporting your child's absence, this must be a telephone call and not via email. Please ensure you have called the school office to report illness or any other absence by 9.30am.

Dates For Your Diary

Half term	Mon 23 rd -Fri 27 th October
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 7th November
Parent consultations	Week of 6th November
End of term	Thursday 21st December at 2pm

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