



# St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the winter fast approaching and the dark nights creeping in, can I please remind parents and carers to ensure all children have a warm coat with a hood and all black school shoes which are suitable for winter weather.

If you haven't been on to our website recently there are lots of new posts and information for you to see.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

## Christmas Lunch Reminder

Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but you would like for them to have a school meal on this day, please let the office know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Children are also asked to wear a Christmas jumper or decorated school uniform on this day.

## Spanish

Our Spanish lessons include learning how to count, name colours and objects, greet each other and simple conversations. Children also have the opportunity to read and write in the language too.

To support this learning at home, children can access free online interactive games and songs to consolidate learning. Please see details below:

- Visit this website: [www.languageangels.com](http://www.languageangels.com)
- Insert your child's login details under 'pupil login'

You can also download the app: Language Angels, onto a mobile or iPad device. children's individual login details can be supplied by their class teachers.

All learning resources available are relevant to your child's learning in class. Muchas gracias. Enjoy!

## School Disco

Tickets are on sale for the disco on 30<sup>th</sup> November. You must sign up prior to the day as school staff are supervising the children and will be collecting them from class to get changed. Tickets are £3.00 which includes a snack-pack, drink and glow stick. Glow toys will also be available to purchase on the night. Children in Y4, 5 and 6 need to go home to change before retuning at 4.45. Entry before this time will not be permitted.

## Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week 2023: 'Make A Noise About Bullying'.

On Wednesday we brought some fun and colour to our uniform with Odd Socks Day. The day is an opportunity to remind everyone of the serious message behind the fun – to be kind to each other and respect and celebrate each other's individuality. Y3 and 4 also attended an anti-bullying workshop at the Emirates Stadium. Online bullying and what to do if this happens was covered in a leadership assembly. Some of you may have heard about this and some text messages that were sent to Mr McEleney.

## What Parents Need to know about smart TVs

Lots of children are telling us they have TVs in their bedrooms. Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself. We are aware of several safeguarding issues around children accessing inappropriate materials. Here is a link for help with controls and security.

<https://www.safesearchkids.com/a-parents-guide-to-setting-up-smart-tv-safely/#:~:text=Before%20purchasing%20a%20Smart%20TV,to%20the%20specific%20manufacturer's%20website>

## Lates

There are too many children arriving late to school. Our soft start from 8.50am gives all families a ten minute window to get in to school. Data shows that the children arriving late quite often make far less progress than those who arrive on time.

## Dates For Your Diary

Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am
Y5 Parents to Lunch	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 12.30pm
NEON School Disco	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov: <b>Y1 to Y3 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm</b> <b>Y4 to Y6 – 4.45pm to 5.45pm</b>
Advent Service at St Mark's Church	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am (parents and carers welcome)
Christmas Fair	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christingle Service in the school hall	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm
Nativity at St Mark's Church	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm (parents and carers welcome)
End of term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec at 2pm

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