

## St. Mark's C.E. Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to each of you. I hope the festive break was enjoyable and that in this busy world we live in you all got to spend some quality family time together. Please find below key information and dates for this term.

### **Snow.....**

In the event of heavy snowfall or extreme weather please be advised of school policy. Parents/Carers will be informed by SMS text message of any potential closure as early as is possible. For any further information thereafter we ask you check information on the school website tickertape to be found at <http://www.stmarksce.co.uk> and our twitter [@stmarkmywords](https://twitter.com/stmarkmywords). In addition to this we will also record an answer phone message on 0161 790 3423. Local radio stations Key 103, Capital and BBC Manchester will also have news on any closure here at St Mark's CE Primary.

### **Sickness**

Can we please remind you that, in line with Health Protection Agency Guidelines, if a child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea s/he must remain off school until 48 hours have passed since any repeat incident of the illness. A child who is sent home from school with vomiting/diarrhoea must remain absent for two whole days. Furthermore could we ask that when you telephone school to inform the office of sickness you also indicate what the symptoms are please. This will allow us to monitor any potential outbreaks of sickness within a class or year group and also enable us to advise you on the period of absence required.

### **Contact details**

Can you please ensure that the school office have your correct contact details, including mobile phone number, email and home address(es) where appropriate. With new mobile phones a very popular present at Christmas it's vital we have the correct number should we need to contact you urgently regarding an issue with your child/ren.

### **Parents Consultation Evenings-Reception-Year 6**

Parents Consultation evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 3:40-6:00pm. Booking times will be made available nearer the time but we wanted to give you advanced notice should you need to make any arrangements in order to attend.

### **School Meals**

If your child is in Nursery or Years 3-6 and receives a school meal, please check your child's ParentPay account this evening. As all meals must be paid for in advance, please clear any balance owed and ensure there is a minimum credit of £10 on the account **at the start of each week.**

### **Football/Netball Fixtures-an important change!**

As we all wish the dark nights away, mid-February should see the restart of our football and netball seasons after the winter break. However please note that we are now changing the way in which children are to be transported to away games. From now on children will be asked to make their own way to an away fixture. We appreciate this may pose a problem for those parents/carers who do not collect at 3:30pm but hope that through **you** making arrangements with parents/family of other children on a team, who are available to transport children, this can be easily resolved.

### **PTA**

On behalf of the PTA Team and school, very many thanks for your fantastic support with the recent discos, Quiz Night, Coffee Mornings and Christmas events. A massive £4,500 has been raised since September. The PTA continues to meet and plan events to provide both financial support for the school and also to create social opportunities for all to gather as a school family. Be on the lookout this term for upcoming infant and junior discos as well as another parents/carers only themed night. As soon as dates are confirmed the information will be made available to you.

### **NSPCC**

The NSPCC will be visiting school on 14/02/17 to deliver assemblies to both infants and juniors followed by workshops with Year 5 and 6 as part of their 'Speak out, Stay safe' campaign. Following on from their visit we will be asking the children to take part in a sponsored event 'Buddy's big workout.' Further details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

### **Hairstyles**

The school requests children do not have extreme haircuts such as lines or patterns shaved into the hair. Long hair for BOTH girls and boys must be tied back in the interest of hygiene and safety.

### **Lost property**

If your child has mislaid any uniform, please check the items which will be laid out in the School Hall from 3.15pm tomorrow. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of over the weekend.

### **Parking**

Can I thank parents/carers for observing the ruling on parking on the school car park between 7:30am and 5:30pm. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. A reminder to a minority though that dropping off at pre-school or WASP, running late at drop off/pick up or collecting from extracurricular clubs are not legitimate reasons for parking on the school car

park. Whilst there has also been a significant improvement (to which I say thank you once again) in terms of parking with consideration for residents, there have already been one or two incidents this week reported to school and Salford West Integrated Neighbourhood Policing Team. Please do be aware of resident's driveways when parking up in the morning/afternoon. It isn't fair to restrict access and poses a real inconvenience to their daily lives.

### **School Website/Twitter**

Please do visit our school website <http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/> to gain information and find out what is going on in school. In addition to our website don't forget our school Twitter account. Should you wish to follow us you will find us at [@stmarkmywords](https://twitter.com/stmarkmywords) or you can click on the link via the school website.

Many thanks as always.

Mr. D Kay