

St. Mark's C.E. Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and managing to cope with the mayhem of this time of year as we countdown to the end of the academic year. Please find below relevant information for the remainder of this summer term and beyond.

Leavers Service

Our leavers service take place in church on **Tuesday 19th July at 2:30pm**. As you may recall from Easter and Christmas, given our increased numbers, we are no longer able to gather together as a whole school alongside family and friends. Therefore it will only be the Key Stage 2 children who will be attending church. We are conscious however that some leavers will have siblings in Key Stage One or Early Years. With this in mind, any parent of a year 6 who will be attending the leavers service may come and collect any of their other children from school and take them to church should they so wish. Could you please let the school office or relevant class teacher know if you are intending to collect a child from Early Years/Key Stage One so they can be ready on the day.

PTA

I'm sure you will join me in thanking our PTA for their tireless work in fundraising for the school this year. Discos, fairs, quiz nights and bacon sandwiches- their energies have never dwindled. We hope they are able to keep up the outstanding work next year and that you will all continue your incredible support as part of our school family.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council continues to work hard with many projects in the pipeline that we are hoping you will embrace and become involved with next year. Anyone interested in joining the Parent Council should speak with Mrs. Mansfield or one of the parent reps (see school website) who can be found most mornings/afternoons on the playground.

Sickness

This year, as in most primary schools around the land, we've had.....coughs, colds, vomiting, diarrhea, headlice, threadworms, conjunctivitis, impetigo and chickenpox.....but we've survived and normally are all happy and healthy back in school within a few days of these illnesses and ailments thankfully!

However can we remind you 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 in line with Health Protection Agency Guidelines. We do appreciate how busy you as parents all are, and the childcare issues absence may present, but it is vital for your child and the rest of our school family that you adhere to guidelines for keeping your child off school. Thank you in advance for following this practice for the next academic year.

Parking

Just to say a big thank you to those who have parked with care and consideration throughout the year. It is truly appreciated by both the school and the residents. To those who continue to park with little regard for others I would draw your attention to the letter from Greater Manchester Police (copies available from the school office), highlighting **Highway Code Point 217**, that was sent out to all parents last week.

School Website

<http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/>

Please do visit our school website to gain information and find out what is going on in school. We are now regularly updating with news, individual class curriculum notes, letters and policies (and *finally* our homepage pictures have changed!!) 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.

Building Work

I would like to take this opportunity, before the end of term, to inform you of major building renovation work that will be taking place over the summer holidays here in school. The two staircases leading up to Upper Key Stage 2 are to be subject to a complete overhaul. This is likely to have implications for those children in Year 5 and 6 next year in terms of how you enter/exit the school building. Further details will be sent out towards the end of the summer holidays to all parents when we have a clearer timescale for the work taking place and a completion date. Rest assured school will be open as normal for all children on **Monday 5th September at 8:55am.**

And finally.....

Can I thank each and every one of you for all your support in my first year as headteacher. It's been a wonderful year for the whole school family and I look forward to many more to come. I wish you a safe, happy and (fingers crossed) sunny summer holidays. *See you all on Monday 5th September....*

Many thanks

Mr. D Kay