

St Mark's C E Primary School

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

## January Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that 2019 has started well for you all and that nothing but good fortune lies ahead for each of you. Please find below an information packed newsletter with reminders aplenty as we start the new calendar year.

### Parking

Parents/carers are **not** permitted to use the school car park between the hours of **7:30am-5:30pm** unless you, or a member of your family dropping off/picking up, have a problem with mobility or are collecting a sick/injured child. Dropping off/picking up at **pre-school /WASP** or **running late at 9:00am/3:30pm** are not legitimate reasons for parking on the school car park nor is it fair to the 99% of parents/carers who follow these guidelines and walk in to the school grounds.

Sadly we received our first parking complaint in months from a resident this week. Please when parking on Crossfields, Leaconfield, Aviary Rd and The Warke can we ask you park with due care and consideration for our neighbours and the school community. Residents have the right to access/exit their driveways without obstruction at any time of the day and have been advised to refer any issues to the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### School Gates

Starting on Monday next, 21<sup>st</sup> January, the Church Gate and Playground gates will be closed at 9.05am and will re-open as usual at 3.25pm. Please can we ask any WASP parents to wait in Cici's Garden with their children so that pupils can use the playground.

### Sickness

It's that time of year again when so many children and parents alike seem to be struck down by sickness. Therefore could 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**.* Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

### Haircuts and School Uniform

Could we please remind parents/carers of our guidelines concerning school uniform in particular footwear. Boots are only permitted for walking to/from school. We ask all children wear black shoes throughout their time in school. We would also request that, in the interest of hygiene, long hair for

**boys** and girls be tied back with a **plain headband or bobble**. Many thanks for your attention to these matters.

### **Tiny Church Plus- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am-9:45am**

Many thanks to those family and friends who joined us for our New Year Service in school on Wednesday. It was wonderful to hear the children's hopes and dreams for the year ahead. For those unable to attend, or for those wishing to hear once again, our Tiny Church Plus service on Sunday will be a continuation of our New Year theme with the Year 4 children leading.

### **Cross Country Race 4 and end of season presentation- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

Good luck to all our runners (including a number of 'toedippers') who will be running in the final race of the Salford Schools Cross Country season at Buile Hill from 9:30am on Saturday. The annual end of season presentation will take place in the main suite afterwards with bacon butties, tea/coffee and other goodies available. Here's hoping for more trophy success.

### **PTA**

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. The eagerly awaited Ward 84 Charity Ball at the Marriott takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are £45 per person and can be booked using the ticket application form on our website <http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/index2.php?p=3.10> or from the school office.

### **After School Clubs**

Please could parents/carers of those children attending our Dance Explosion (Y5), Volleyball (KS1) Ultimate Frisbee (KS2) and Choir (KS2) after school clubs ensure they are collected at **4:30pm prompt**. Whilst everyone may be running late at one time or another we are being left with a number of children who are being collected late on a regular basis. Parents/carers unable to collect on time on a regular basis will be given a warning that their child/ren may have to forgo attendance at the club if punctuality remains a problem.

### **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.

And finally as Jack Frost prepares to visit us.....

### **A reminder of our Inclement Weather Plan:**

Should the local area be affected by snow during the winter months, every effort will be made to keep the school open. However, this may not be possible when staff have difficulty in getting to school. If this should occur, a text message will be sent via our SchoolComms system and updates will be posted on the school website ticker tape ([www.stmarksce.co.uk](http://www.stmarksce.co.uk)), our twitter account (@stmarkmywords) and on Salford Council's website (<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schoolclosures/>) Local radio stations Hits Radio, Capital Radio and BBC Manchester will also announce closures.

Yours sincerely

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