

St Mark's C E Primary School

Thursday 18th October

October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so the first half term of a new academic year passes before it seems we have even had chance to catch our breath. We hope the first six and a half weeks have seen your child/ren thrive in their new class and look forward to more of the same for the remainder of the year. Please find below items for your attention.

Thank you

Can we begin by thanking each of you for your ongoing support for the school. Your generosity towards our Trussell Trust Food Bank and Wood Street Mission Harvest appeal was as incredible as always. You also helped raise £318.27 for Macmillan Cancer Support in attending our coffee morning (special thanks to Nicola Wellens for organising) and over £700 for the school through your purchases at the recent Book Fair. Many thanks also to parents/carers who attended the parent induction meetings in September and the recent writing workshops.

Parent Governor

Nominations to stand for election as parent governor close today at 4pm. Further information and a ballot paper will be sent out the w/c 29th October. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to stand for election. We wish you all the best of luck.

After School Clubs

Many thanks for all those who registered an interest in the *KS1 Salford Red Devils Foundation rugby club*, the *KS1 football* and the *KS2 Salford Community Leisure rugby club for Autumn 2*. **Confirmation of places will go out via email after the half term break.**

NB: Please note that when clubs are oversubscribed places are allocated through drawing names at random. Any child who is unsuccessful in being awarded a place, where possible, will then get priority for the next half term's club should they wish to attend.

Tiny Church Plus-Sunday 21st October

Sunday 21st October sees our next Tiny Church Plus service in St Mark's from 9:30am-9:45am. The theme for our service in church this month is a celebration of our favourite bible stories. Whilst it's been wonderful to see a growing number of our younger children in attendance it would be marvelous to see some of our older children there if at all possible.

PTA

Well done and thank you so much to the PTA for their nonstop work within the first half term of this year. The quiz night was a huge success and as fiercely contested as ever. There were also record numbers at the KS1 (Year 1 and 2) and KS2 (Year 3-6) discos. It's now very much full steam ahead towards the Christmas fair on **Friday 30th November from 3:30pm onwards.**

St Mark's Church Christmas Fair

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to start the festive season off by supporting our church Christmas Fair on **Saturday 24th November from 10:00am.**

Parents Consultation Evenings

The online booking system for our November parent's consultation evenings is now live.

Reception/Year 1/Year 2: Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November 3:40-6:00pm

Year 3-6: Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November 3:40-6:00pm;

Please refer to the email sent out yesterday for further information.

Nursery Stay & Play sessions will be held in the school day during w/c 19th November and information will be sent out separately by the teachers

Parking

Despite constant reminders there are still parents/carers parking in the school car park. *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 at pre-school /WASP or running late at morning drop off/afternoon pick up are not legitimate reasons for parking on the school car park.

School Uniform

Could we ask that you ensure your child/ren follow the school uniform guidelines at all times, in particular the following areas:

The school requests children do not have extreme haircuts including Mohawk cuts, **lines shaved into the hair** and excessive use of hair products

Girls should wear black shoes with low heels. **Boots are only permitted to walk to/from school.** We ask that those wearing boots change into shoes once in school.

In the interest of hygiene and safety long hair for **BOTH** girls and boys should be tied back using a headband or bobble. ***Please note JoJo bows are not allowed in school***

Further guidance is available at <http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/index2.php?p=3.1>

50 year anniversary celebrations

A reminder that we are extending an invite to families past and present to come and join us here in school as part of our 50 year anniversary celebration. The school hall will be open on **Friday 19th October** from **10-11am** and then once again in the afternoon from **2:15-3:15pm**. During each of the celebrations there will be an opportunity to look through our archives, tour the school and hopefully a chance to catch up with old friends over a cup of tea and a cake. If we could ask all visitors to convene in front of the double doors to the school hall prior to each celebration, we will issue all those attending with a visitor's badge. Unfortunately the school car park will not be open to the public unless we have prior notification of somebody attending with mobility issues.

The 50 year anniversary whole school photograph was taken on Tuesday and will be on display on the projector in the school hall tomorrow. Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to order after the half term break.

Finally our 50 year anniversary cups (as designed by Lucy Ryan and Daniel Keene) have arrived and will go home with your child/ren tomorrow evening. If you collect your child/ren it may be advisable to 'look after it' for them until they get home so as to avoid any potential disasters!

Thank you as always for your continued support. I hope the improved weather as of late continues over the half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back here on **Tuesday 30th October**.

Mr. D Kay
Headteacher