

St. Mark's C.E. Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you are all well and, like the rest of us here in school, are busy preparing yourself for the upcoming festivities that this time of year brings. Please find below information for your attention.

Thank You

We begin as in often the case by thanking you! Donations collected for Children in Need through our wear something spotty, quiz competition and cake sale raised £656.80. In addition, our non uniform day for school fund at the very end of the last half term raised £332.37. Finally, proving your generosity is beyond just monetary, can we add a big thank you (*in advance*) for tomorrow's donations of bottles, jam jars of sweets, chocolates and other gifts for our upcoming PTA Christmas Fair. Why not treat yourself tomorrow to a 'bacon butty' when dropping the donations off in the morning!

PTA Christmas Fair

Don't forget to come along to our school PTA Christmas Fair on **Friday 1st December from 3:30pm onwards**. The PTA team have worked incredibly hard and we're sure it will be an event to get everybody into the Christmas spirit. The school choir will open the fair at 3:30pm. Be sure to wrap up warm!

St Mark's Church Christmas Fair

Can we also remind you, whilst talking about all things festive, that our Church Christmas Fair takes place on **Saturday 25th November 10:00am onwards**. Our choir will be doing the first performance of their 'Christmas tour' from 11:00am. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Staying Safe Online

We hope those parents who 'dropped in' on Ms. Rawling in the computing room during the recent parent's consultation evenings found the time to be of use. For those who were unable to attend, we have since emailed out the relevant information that was shared. Can we also make you aware that the Parent Council will be continuing their work on our 'staying safe online project' with a focus on minimising risks when using social media and online gaming sites. The aim is to give parents/carers the opportunity to share any issues anonymously through a drop box soon to be found in the main reception area outside the office. We hope that as many of you as possible, whose children this may apply to, will take

the time to consider what the risks might be for your children online if they use social media and online gaming sites at home. No question is too simple and although we are fully aware of the age restrictions of such sites we want to educate children in their use and hopefully further aid your own understanding of best practice.

Parental Questionnaires

Thank you to each of you who took the time recently to complete a questionnaire at the Parent Consultation Evenings. We value your opinions and will be letting you know the findings in the next few weeks.

Renovation work

Your continued patience as we near completion of the renovation work to the KS2 playground is truly appreciated. We can assure you the wait will be worthwhile with a new celebration garden area and a new multi use games area complete with football goals/basketball nets all for the KS2 children to enjoy during their breaktimes. You may have noticed that our roofing work is now complete and the scaffolding has finally gone! New windows in the upper juniors looking out on to the KS1 playground and quad area remain the final piece of the jigsaw but will be completed over the February half term.

Breaks/Lunchtimes

Given the time of year can we please ask that you ensure your child/ren has a coat with them in school each and every day. The children will go out at breaks unless it is raining or icy and a number of children have still come to school recently with no coat. We don't want to have to stop children from playing out with their friends but if they have no coat we have little choice.

Haircuts and Accessories

The school requests children do not have extreme haircuts including *Mohawk cuts, lines shaved into the hair and excessive use of hair products*. Beaded hair extensions are also not permitted as they are a potential hazard. In the interest of hygiene and safety long hair for BOTH girls and **boys** should be tied back using a plain headband or bobble. A reminder that 'JoJo' bows, regardless of their size, are not allowed.

Dates for the diary

Our weekly newsletter is attached and it contains all upcoming dates and one or two reminders for you also.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas fairs and concerts that follow.

Mr. D Kay