

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

As often seems to be the case we begin thanking you. Donations collected for Children in Need through our 'wear something spotty'/own clothes day raised £350.70. In addition, our non uniform day for school fund at the very end of the last half term raised £327.20. Finally, proving your generosity is beyond just monetary, a big thank for your donations of bottles, jam jars of sweets, chocolates and other gifts for our upcoming PTA Christmas Fair.

PTA Christmas Fair

Don't forget to come along to our school PTA Christmas fair on **Friday 2nd December from 3:30 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!

Parent Council

Well done to our Parent Council and children from our Eco committee for their hard work and green fingers last Friday. For those who didn't see their efforts, the council and children worked to tidy and plant new bulbs in the planters leading up to the church path. We look forward to seeing the 'fruits of their labour' when the warmer weather returns next year.

Year 5 and 6 staircase renovation work

As you may well have noticed both stairwells leading up to our upper juniors are now complete. We are delighted with the end result and what was once a rather shabby looking area now looks in keeping with the rest of the school buildings. All the children (and staff) deserve praise for adapting so well to the changes when entrances/exits were out of use.

Parking.....a reminder:

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 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. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

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.

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.

Our 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. Our 'ticker tape' rolling headlines on the homepage lists all the important Christmas dates for your diary that are nearly upon us. 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.

Dates for the dairy

Be sure to look out for our weekly newsletter. It contains all upcoming dates and one or two reminders for you also. Don't forget that all newsletters are available for download from the school website.

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

Mr. D Kay