

St Mark's C E Primary School

Wednesday 5th September

September 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer break and that we find each of you and your families in good health and recharged for another year ahead. Please find information for your attention below.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Peek to St Mark's who as you may recall has spent a year away travelling around the world. Miss Peek returns to take responsibility for being the lower key stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) leader and class 3M teacher. We also welcome Miss Caroline Sharples to St Mark's who will be working as a job share teacher alongside Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Naylor in the Reception classes.

Chair of Governors

The new academic year sees a change in governance with Mr William Macdonald taking on the role of chair. Mr Macdonald has previously occupied the role of vice chair. We hope you join us in wishing him good luck in his new role. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Carmen Allington our previous chair of governors for all her hard work, commitment and support which significantly helped to further develop the school as we strive towards achieving an outstanding grading.

Contact details/Medical information

If any of your home addresses, mobile phone numbers or email contact details have changed over the Summer break can you be sure to let us know and supply us with the new and updated information asap. Furthermore if your child now has a medical condition that they hadn't prior to the Summer we would ask that you also let us know so we can update the information within our school medical register.

Parents Induction Evenings

2018-19 promises to be both an exciting and incredibly busy year. This year at St Mark's there are many new things happening that we would like to share and consult you upon directly. Therefore **all** classes from *Reception to Year 6* will be holding an induction evening. The purpose of these meetings is to talk to you about changes that we are introducing this year as well as discussing aspects of our home school partnership including home/school agreement, behaviour policy and attendance. For those who have attended induction evenings in the past the meetings will not be a repetition of previous years so we would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. The meetings take place on the following dates:

Reception-Monday 10th September 5:30pm

Year 5 and Year 6-Tuesday 11th September 5:30pm

Year 1 and 2-Wednesday 12th September 5:30pm

Year 3 and Year 4-Thursday 13th September 5:30pm

PE School Games Silver Mark Award

St Mark's are proud to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Silver Mark Award. The award is as a result of the school's commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18. We now embark upon the challenge to achieve the School Games Gold Mark Award in 2018-19.

Lunchtimes

At St Mark's we pride ourselves on being a Healthy School so could we just remind you of our guidelines on what children should and shouldn't be bringing if they are on packed lunches. *No fizzy drinks are allowed.* We ask that children bring in water (flavoured if they so wish) or non concentrated fruit juice to drink. In addition can we ask that you are mindful of sending in too many sweet things such as fruit winders, chocolate bars and biscuits within a packed lunch. In moderation, as a treat, is fine but many packed lunches are becoming laden with sugary snacks that children rush or half eat their sandwiches in order to eat.

School Uniform

Given the amount of money spent on new uniform over the Summer can you please ensure that you have put names on all items of school uniform that your child may take off at break or for PE (coats, jumpers, polo shirts, trousers, SHOES) The number of items of uniform lost each day with no names on makes them all the more difficult to locate. Many thanks for your co-operation. Could we also ask that your child wear the correct school uniform at all times. Further guidance is available via the link below:

<http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/index2.php?p=3.1>

Worsley Woods Action Group

On the back of our support for the WWAG we're excited to announce that the new path alongside the motorway was completed over the summer. We hope a growing number of children who may travel to/from school in that direction enjoy using it for many years to come. The leaflets for the new wildlife trail that the children here at St Mark's helped design are still in the process of being finished but as soon as they are we will be sure to share them with you all. Finally WWAG will be holding a Celebration

of Autumn festival again as they did last year. It will take place on Saturday 6th October at Beesley Green from 2-4pm. Further details to follow.

The School Gates/Playground in the morning

School gates open at 8:45am with children then having access to their buildings from 8:50am. School starts at **8:55am**

Can we also kindly remind all parents/carers of the following rules:

Children are **NOT** to use any pieces of school apparatus before or after school, in particular younger pre-school children.

No children should be swinging/climbing on the netball posts on the KS2 playground.

No dogs are allowed on the school grounds.

No one is to ride a bike or scooter on the school grounds.

Could parents dropping off/collecting from WASP throughout the day ensure the KS2 junior playground gate is closed behind them upon leaving

Thank you for your cooperation in the matters above it truly is appreciated by all.

Parking

Please would **all** parents/carers take time at drop off/pick up to park with due consideration for both our residents and school community. Running late is no excuse for parking on double yellow lines on the street, obstructing the entrance to the main gates or driving cars directly outside the church lane gate. Please note that we also ask parents/carers ***do not 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. Spaces are of a premium and as a school we continue to experience issues with staff and visitors unable to enter/exit due to parents/carers occupying car parking spaces.

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 key dates and events that are coming up and serves as a handy reminder when emails have long since been deleted. Each year group page also has information about their curriculum for the half term as well as upcoming trip letters and useful resources for the year ahead. 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.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mr. D Kay