

St. Mark's C.E. Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Summer holidays a long distant memory we already find ourselves 3 weeks back into a new academic year. Having spoken with all the teachers and support staff I know they're delighted with the start all children have made, in particular those who are new to the school. Please find below important information concerning the next few weeks here in school and as usual one or two of our obligatory reminders.

Building and renovation work

After a somewhat stop-start beginning to the building and renovation work around school we're now pleased to announce that the work to both the roofing and area within the KS2 playground are due to recommence next week. As explained earlier this term, a significant amount of work has already taken place over the Summer, including new windows, flooring and ceilings. Throughout all the work taking place can I once again reassure you that the health and safety of your child/ren is paramount and all measures are in place to ensure there are no risks at all to your child/ren as they work and play.

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.

PTA

Be sure to look out for upcoming PTA events including the Quiz Night on **Friday 13th October** and the Key Stage 1 and 2 discos on **Wednesday 18th October**. The PTA will also be on hand to support Nicola Wellens who is organising the MacMillan coffee morning here on **Friday 29th September 9:00am**. As ever we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

Parent Council

As I hope you are all aware it's the Parent Council AGM *tomorrow morning* (**Friday 22nd**) at 9:00am here in school. All parents, new and old, are welcome to attend. There is no obligation whatsoever to sign up at this meeting and our only aims are to provide an

opportunity for those who are interested to come along, meet the people involved and find out one or two things about upcoming projects.

Worsley Woods Action Group

Worsley Woods Action Group are hosting a 'Celebration of Autumn Festival' on **Saturday 28th October at Beesley Green**. Planned activities include: a Fun Run (with Worsley Physio Clinic), Den Building, Children's Treasure Hunt, Fairy Tree Doors, Bird Box and Bird Feeder making, Raffle, Children's tombola, Refreshments and Apple Bobbing. We hope those who are able to will head down, support and join in the fun.

Playground reminders

Can we 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.

Preschool/Early Years children must remain with parents/carers at all times when dropping off and picking up. A growing number of children have been seen running through the staff car park in the morning and afternoon. As I'm sure you appreciate this is incredibly dangerous despite the vigilance by all those staff using the car park.

Parents/carers of KS1 children **must** remain with them until the teacher comes out on to the playground to collect them at 8:55am each morning.

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

The Church gate, Junior Playground and Reception Playground gate are opened from **3:20pm**. This is to ensure that children who may be outside for PE or other subjects can utilize our outdoor spaces.

Could we remind those collecting from WASP to leave the playground once they have collected their child from WASP. If a parent needs to access WASP at any other time during the day, they should use the intercom for access and please ensure the gate is shut behind you at all times to ensure the playground area is secure. **There should be no parents/carers waiting on any of the playgrounds before 3:20pm.**

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

Parking

It's seems to have been a positive start to the year in terms of parking with due consideration for both our residents and school community. Long may this continue. However can we also ask parents/carers that you 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 letters have long since been misplaced or forgotten about. 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