

St Mark's C E Primary School

Thursday 28th January 2016

January Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the Spring Term. I hope the New Year has begun positively for both you and your child/ren. As I'm sure you're all well aware by now illness has been working its way through most of the staff here at school but thankfully I'm happy to report we are almost back to full strength. Please find below key information and dates for the remainder of this term.

Parents Workshop

Can we say thank you to all who attended the KS1 Phonics workshop recently. As a school we were delighted to see over 60 parents/carers present. We hope you enjoyed the morning and are finding the resources and links sent out useful in helping your child. Following on from this we are pleased to invite all parents/carers to come into school on **Tuesday 9th February** to take part in a Maths workshop alongside your child/ren. Please find below the timings:

EYFS-9:00-9:30am in the school hall followed by 30 minutes in class

KS1-9:00-9:30am in class followed by 30 minutes in the school hall

KS2-10:15-11:00am in class.

Please note tea/coffee will be available in the Design Technology room at the back of the school hall from 10:00-10:15am for those wishing to stay on after EYFS/KS1 to attend the KS2 workshop. As always anyone unable to attend will have all the necessary information sent home to ensure you are kept up to date.

Parents Consultation Evenings-Reception-Year 6

Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 16th March-3:40pm-6:00pm

***Please note that if your child is in Year 4 there is a change of date with one evening. Year 4 evenings will take place on **Wednesday 16th March and Wednesday 23rd March** 3:40pm-6:00pm with both Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Goss present.**

Parent Council

Many thanks to those who attended the relaunch of St Mark's Parent Council. The next meeting is set for Friday 5th February in the Design Technology room at the back of the school hall. All are welcome.

PTA

The PTA continues to meet, plan and coordinate events to provide both financial support for the school and also to create social opportunities for all to gather as a school family. I'm sure those who were present on the day would have nothing but admiration for the way they battled against the gale force winds to host the school Christmas fair. Please find below further planned dates organised by the PTA for the upcoming term.

Tuesday 9th February-KS1 Disco-5:00-6:00pm** **KS2 Disco-6:30-7:30pm****

Ticket request forms available from the school office.

Friday 11th March-Quiz Night 7:30pm here at School (adults only)

Further details to follow but be rallying your team in advance!

School Website

<http://www.stmarksce.co.uk/>

Please visit our school website to gain information and find out what is going on in school. We are now regularly updating with news, individual class curriculum notes, letters and photos. Furthermore our list of school policies available for you to view continues to grow with new updated policies in Safeguarding, Child Protection, E-Safety and Behaviour all now available. Further policies will appear soon including the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC), Teaching and Learning and also the Home/School agreement. Can we ask parents/carers who haven't yet signed and returned the Home/School agreement, but intend to, do so as soon as possible

Uniform

A quick reminder concerning school uniform.....Could you please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and ALL items including coats, hats, scarves and bags are named. If you are unsure of uniform please see the school website for further information.

Parking-New Year....same old problems.

Can we ask yet again that you show consideration for all when parking to drop off/pick up. We all have a duty to ensure our school family and surrounding community are safe and able to go about their daily business without being obstructed through the irresponsible and carefree parking of a minority. A resident's driveway is clear for anyone to see and should never be obstructed for any reason whatsoever. Access to their driveways is being disregarded on regular basis. This is completely unacceptable given many of the residents are embarking on the very same journeys as the rest of us such as work and school drop off/pick up. Your ongoing support in helping prevent this issue is as always greatly appreciated.

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 06/02/16** Cross Country Final Race 9:30am and Presentation 10:30am onwards @ Buile Hill
- 09/02/16** Parents/Carers Maths Workshops
- 10/02/16** Lower Juniors (Year 3, 3/4, 4) trip to Buxton's Pooles Cavern and Country Park
- 22/02-25/02/16** Year 5 Bikeability-please ensure all bikes are roadworthy and that children have helmets (Further details to follow)
- 24/02/16** Royal National Lifeboat Institute visitors in all day to work with KS1 and 2 classes
- 01/03/16** Young Voices at Manchester Arena
- 02/03/16** 'Change the World Day' celebration for parents **3:00pm** (Further details to follow)
- 03/03/16** World Book Day-Dressing up in character is optional
- 15/03/16 and 16/03/16** Reception-Year 6 Parents Consultation Evening 3:40-6:00pm
- 16/03/16** Year 2 trip to Stockley Farm
- 23/03/16** Year 4 Parents Consultation Evening 3:40-6:00pm

Please note: Easter information will follow in the February newsletter when arrangements have been finalised.

Many thanks.

Mr. D Kay