

# ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

EYFS includes Nursery and Reception Classes  
Key Stage 1 (KS1) includes Year 1 and Year 2  
Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2) includes Years 3 and 4  
Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) includes Years 5 and 6

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## Christmas Play Arrangements

### Nursery – Change of Start Times

Our Nursery Christmas Play will be held at **10.15am and 2.30pm** on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.  
**Please note the change in start times from the previous notifications in our Weekly Newsletter.**

### Reception

Tickets for the Reception Christmas Play next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am were sent home with the children earlier this week.

### Year 1 and Year 2

KS1 children will bring home 2 tickets tomorrow for the KS1 Christmas performances at 9.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

A reminder that our Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 plays are limited to **two tickets per family** and admittance is by ticket only. Whilst we are always very welcoming of the children's extended families the available space in our hall dictates the ticketing system. Nursery also request that no more than two adults attend. Finally could we ask that if you are a Year 1 or 2 parent to please check to ensure that you are attending the day designated to your child's class.

## Christmas Play DVD Orders

Subject to receiving consent for all pupils, we are hoping to record the Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas plays. If you wish to purchase copies of the DVD (£5 each), please place an order via your ParentPay account no later than next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will endeavour to send home DVD orders for the Nursery and Reception performances before school closes for Christmas, however due to the KS1 play being held in the last week of term, it is likely that DVD orders for Year 1 and Year 2 will not be sent out until we return in the New Year.

## Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child is ordering a Christmas Lunch and will be affected by the allergens listed below, please email the school office before Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Option 1:

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

### Vegetarian Option:

Quorn Roast Joint\*, Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

### Dessert

Christmas Tree Ice Cream\* **OR** Christmas Biscuit\* and Tangerine

### Allergens:

Quorn Roast Joint contains Egg, Milk  
Christmas Tree Ice Cream contains Milk  
Christmas Biscuits contain Wheat

## Christmas Jumper Day

In keeping with the festive spirit and to coincide with the school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the children may wear a Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform that day if they so wish. **Please note it is entirely optional and not a non-uniform day.**

## Non-Uniform Day

In order to raise funds for our School Fund, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we would appreciate a donation of £1 per child/family. Thank you for your continued support.

## St Mark's Christmas Leaflet Competition winner

Congratulations to Sasha Bartalotta in Year 5 who won our Christmas leaflet competition. The leaflet was to promote the services at St Mark's Church over the Christmas period and will drop through the letter boxes of 600 homes! Be sure to look out for Sasha's design reaching you very soon. Well done also to our runners up: Evie in Year 1 and Charlotte in Year 4. I hope each of you enjoy Rector Mark's prizes!

### Christmas Charity Appeal

This year we are asking for monetary donations towards a charity chosen by the children here at St Mark's. During a recent assembly the school council presented two charity organisations that they had researched and wanted the children to vote on in order to determine who would be our chosen charity for the PTA Ball in February. Given the end result was so close we felt it only right that the runner up in the vote be our chosen charity for this year's Christmas appeal. We will therefore be supporting the Daisy Garland charity this Christmas which offers 'a journey of hope for children with epilepsy'. Donations can be sent in or dropped off in an envelope at the school office from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Further information on the charity can be found at <http://www.thedaisygarland.org.uk/> Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Further information on the PTA ball and the chosen charity will follow in the new year.

### Tiny Church Plus-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

We are delighted with the increased numbers in attendance at our monthly Tiny Church Plus service that falls on the third Sunday of each month. Our final service of the calendar year is on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am**. The service will be led by all the children on this occasion rather than a specific year group and will focus on the theme of 'Our Christmas Wish'.

It would be marvellous to see as many of you there as possible.

### Message for Parents of Pupils who took part in IELs Programme

Just a reminder to please return the questionnaires provided, even if they are only partly completed. This can be done via the prepaid envelope.

### Headlice

We have had reports of headlice being found in the hair of some children. Please check your child's hair this evening.

### School Meal Accounts

It has come to our attention that there are insufficient funds on some accounts for children who are requesting school meals. If your child has school meals, **please check the balance on your child's account today**. The balance shown on your account will only cover meals up to and including that day. Any outstanding balances must be cleared immediately and there must be sufficient credit to cover meals for at least the remainder of the week (£2 per day). If you wish to pay for meals to the end of this term, the amount due will be £20.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that accounts are always in credit and reminders are not automatically issued.

## SCHOOL CLUBS UPDATE

### Cross Country

Our next race will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Training will resume after the Christmas holidays.

### KS1 Thursday Football Club

Last session today, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Mad Science

Last session today, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### KS2 Friday Rugby Club

Last session tomorrow, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### KS1 Tuesday Rugby Club

Last session Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### Netball Training

Last session Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### School Choir

Last session Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Choir singing carols at Ellesmere Centre at 2pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### MAPAS Music Lessons

No lessons during w/c 17<sup>th</sup> December

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Please check our website regularly for upcoming events and general school information

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Play at 9.30am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Play at 10.15am and 2.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Choir Sing Carols at the Ellesmere Centre at 2pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Cross Country Race 3
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas in St Mark's Church at 6pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Optional Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play at 9.30am for Parents/Carers of Class 1M and Class 2M
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play at 9.30am for Parents/Carers of Class 1S and Class 2S
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Mark's Church at 2.45pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day for School Fund
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas break.