

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th 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 14th December.
Please note the change in start times from the previous notifications in our Weekly Newsletter.

Year 1 and Year 2

KS1 children have each been allocated 2 tickets for the KS1 Christmas performances at 9.30am on Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th December.

A reminder that our 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.

School Choir Sing at Ellesmere Shopping Centre

If you are in Walkden tomorrow afternoon, Friday 14th December, please pop along to listen to our wonderful choir who will be singing carols in Ellesmere Shopping Centre at 2pm.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

In keeping with the festive spirit and to coincide with the school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18th 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 (except for Nursery and Reception pupils – see note below).**

Tiny Church Plus - Sunday 16th 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 16th 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.

Reception and Nursery Christmas Party

Reception and Nursery will be having a Christmas Party next Tuesday afternoon, 18th December. The PTA have very kindly paid for this so you do not need to send anything into school.

Tuesday 18th December is also Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. Your child may choose to wear their own clothes as well as their Christmas jumper for our party.

Just a reminder that Nursery part-time (morning) pupils should attend school in the afternoon next Tuesday (12.30pm-3.30pm) instead of the usual morning hours.

Arrangements for KS2 Christmas Concert

Our Year 3-6 Christmas concert will be held in St Mark's Church on Monday evening, 17th December at 6pm. The children need to arrive at Church at 5.45pm and should wear their own clothes. We would appreciate it if they could wear "Christmassy" colours - perhaps a Christmas jumper, or a red or green top. **No tinsel, Santa hats, scarves or any other accessories please.**

KS1 Christmas Concert

We hope you can join us for our Year 1 & 2 Christmas concert which will be held in St Mark's Church on Wednesday, 19th December at 2.45pm.

Non-Uniform Day

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

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party

The Year 1 and 2 Christmas party will be on Thursday 20th December (our last day in school.)

As in previous years, we are asking for a donation of 50p per child towards the cost of drinks and snacks. Please give your donation to your child's teacher by **Monday 17th December** as we will need time to do the 'party shop'!

As it is a whole school non-uniform day on this day anyway, children may dress in party clothes if they wish.

Thursday 20th December is also 'toy day' for KS1. Children may bring a small, non-electrical toy.

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. Further information on the charity can be found at <http://www.thedaisygarland.org.uk/> Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes will be cleared out over the Christmas holiday. If your child has mislaid any items this term, please speak to your child's teacher and ensure you check the boxes before next Thursday.

Term Dates

School closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 20th December and re-opens on Monday 7th January.

PTA Charity Ball: Saturday 9th February 2019

We hope you can join us for a special fundraising evening in the stylish surroundings of the Worsley Park Marriott, Hotel & Country Club.

Enjoy a 3 course meal, raffle, silent auction and great entertainment, then dancing and drinking 'til late with our live band and DJ. All monies raised at this event will go towards the amazing children's cancer unit, 'Ward 84', at The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and St Mark's School PTA. Dress Code: Putting on the Glitz!

Each table can seat up to 10 people. Tickets are £45 per person and can be booked using the ticket application form **ON OUR** website ([stmarksce.co.uk/parents area/PTA](http://stmarksce.co.uk/parents%20area/PTA)). Please ensure that all members of your party have confirmed their menu choices before you submit the completed application, with a cheque for the value of the number of tickets requested, to the School Reception.

Show your support for both the School and Ward 84 by joining us for a night to remember!

Please be aware that sponsorship opportunities for the Ball are available. If your business is interested in supporting us further, please get in touch for bespoke packages (lisavandamms@googlemail.com). Thank you.

Diary Dates

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