



# St. Mark's C. E. (A) Primary

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016



## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

### Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last couple of weeks, the children in KS1 have been practising their nativity play 'Barney the church mouse'. This play was about how a little mouse helped in creating the well-known Christmas carol 'Silent Night'. The children performed the nativity to their parents and the children from Thomas Boughey Nursery School on Monday and Tuesday of this week. They did a fantastic job in showing off their acting, singing and dancing skills.

Members of the governing body also attended and were very impressed.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Reception performed their Christmas sing-a-long 'The twelve days of Christmas'. The children sang and danced beautifully and were all very confident in their performance. We are really proud of all of the children and would like to say a special thank you to Mr Anderson from the City Music Service in helping the children to learn the songs and for putting the concert together. We would like to thank all parents who attended both of these events. Your support means so much to us and the children.

Since the last newsletter, several year groups have been on trips to support their learning. Reception visited Jodrell Bank and learned about Space and the planets in our solar system. Year 6 went to the Potteries Museum where they studied the Spitfire and the role it played during World War 2. Finally, Year 2 travelled to Liverpool to go to the Maritime Museum where they learned about the Titanic. All of the children were fantastic ambassadors for St Mark's and their behaviour was fantastic. 6K also took part in Bikeability this week and they learned how to ride a bike safely.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December 14 children took part in the Christmas City Songbirds Concert at the Victoria Hall. They sang with passion and their behaviour was praised by the staff who accompanied them. Thank you to all of the children and parents who attended the 'Messy Christmas' event. It was lovely to see so many people taking part in Christmas activities. A special thanks goes to Mrs Stone and the volunteers from St Mark's church for organising this and for the staff who gave up their time after school.

Our carols around the Christmas tree was a Federation event with Etruscan Primary School and Thomas Boughey Nursery. It was lovely to see so many children volunteering to take part in the singing and they were a credit to you all. It certainly helped to get us into the spirit of Christmas!

This week we welcomed Mrs Bradbury to St Mark's where she has spent time getting to know the children in 6N before becoming their class teacher after the Christmas break. She will also take up the role of Assistant Headteacher.

Finally, all that remains to say is that we hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful holiday. For those of you celebrating Christmas, we hope you have a wonderful time enjoying the festivities.

Please stay safe over the holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for 2017.

## Parent Workshops

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to attend the reading workshops that were run by Mrs Goodwin. Your children appreciate the time you spend helping them to learn, as do we. The feedback from those who attended has been extremely positive and they felt that it was a useful experience.

Please look out for more information about parent workshops that will be run during the Spring Term.

## Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Safaa Asem, Nela Ferlova, Agishan Saravanamuthu, Saadia Rauf, Shyah Qurbany, Zahra Noor, Eimaan Aamir, Aiyan Naseer, Hamza Rafiq, Mert Kara, Areeba Zafar, Iris Razwan, Klara Pestova, Petr Krsko.

The children who were awarded golden jumpers for w/e 9<sup>th</sup> December will be presented with their jumpers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## 100% Attendance Raffle Winners



After each half term all children who have achieved 100% attendance are entered into a raffle for each year group. The winners receive a £10 Tesco gift voucher. The lucky winners of this half term raffle are:- Reception - Hashim Hussain, Y1 - Alya Walid, Y2 - Dawud Mohammed, Y3 - Ehsan Mohammadi, Y4 - Shazeena Meher, Y5 - Halima Ahmed, Y6 - Mohammed Abouebaida. Enjoy spending your vouchers!!

## After School Clubs

Our after school clubs will start again in the new year. We will be sending letters out on the first week back after half term and clubs will start on week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January - 2G Workshop at the Victoria Theatre  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Performance of Pinocchio for the whole school



We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year

