



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

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**Over the last week there have been lots of things that have been happening in school.**

**On Wednesday 1st February, a meeting was held in school for parents where information was shared about the Year 6 SATS, which will begin 8th May. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like some more information about the SATs, please see your child's teacher.**

**Year 3 enjoyed an ancient Egyptian workshop on Thursday 2nd February where they created an Egyptian Cartouche and used hieroglyphics to display their names. Last Friday, the Wayfinding Project came into school to speak to children and parents about how they travel to school and they consulted parents about maps of the local area and whether they felt they were accurate or not.**

**Our Year 4 and 5 school councillors visited Carmountside Primary School this Tuesday where they enjoyed meeting other school councillors from the Seven Stars network. The children took their English, Mathematics, Science and Topic books with them and were able to compare their work to the work of the other school councillors. Well done to the children who attended, you represented our school brilliantly!**

**We also held a family learning session in school on Tuesday where parents from Year 2 helped the children to sew and make the dragons tail for their dragon costume. Then, on Wednesday, they got the opportunity to learn how to dragon dance. There was some very 'snappy' dancing in Year 2!**

**This week all classes have explored how to be safe when using the internet as on Tuesday it was 'Internet Safety Day'. The children have all enjoyed participating in a range of activities that have promoted internet safety. We have also held two parents workshops during the week where we have explained how you as parents can keep your children safe on the internet and the danger of social media websites/applications and cyberbullying. If you couldn't attend the parents meeting and would like any information on internet safety, please come and talk to us. We are always here to help and support you.**

**Our termly parents evening took place on Wednesday after school and this was well attended. Thank you for finding the time to come and speak to your child's class teacher about the progress they are making. If you could not make parents evening but would still like to make an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

**It has come to our attention that some mornings children are being left alone outside the school gates before they have been opened. Please can you ensure that you wait with your children until they have entered the school premises. This is extremely important as you need to ensure that your children are safe until they are in school.**

**Finally, next week, weather permitting, we will be able to allow the children to try our fantastic new 'trim trail' that has been installed on the playground. This will certainly keep the children busy during break and lunch times and it will keep them fit. We look forward to the children having lots of fun using it!**

**As always, thank you for your continued support.**



## Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards. The awards for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 went to:- Hifsa Ali, Aleena Kareem, Sheema Sakander, Ayaan Ul Haq, Johana Micova, Illiana Margieti, Rawdha Al Ghailani, Umme Hani Sheikh, Seemab Zafar, Abubakr Hussain, Lucie Tatarova, Burhan Tariq, Karolina Pompova, Haiqa Ilyas. The awards for week ending 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 went to:- Nisa Begum, Youssef Jaouadi, Zaynab Chowdhury, Aminah Ditta, Ali Haider Iqbal, Amina Ashraf, Mariam Mugeem, Marianna Brown, Martin Zachar, Shazeena Meher, Henna Qayum, Saffron Singh, Mohammed Abouebaida, Muhammed Hamza

### Dates for the Diary



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y3 Circus Day

Mon & Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Mad Science Y1, Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Class group photo's

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm - Parents Meeting for Y2 SATs

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Dress up day for World Book Day

**School Closes Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February for Half Term.  
School re-opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am**

### Star Readers



Each week any child who has read every day is put into a draw to win a free reading book and a name is drawn out for each Key Stage. The winners for the last week are:  
Foundation & Key Stage 1 - Erika Barasova, Lower Key Stage 2 - Shahid Ullah, Upper Key Stage 2 - Hussnain Haider



### Photographs

On Tuesday the photographers will be in school to take group class photo's. Can you please make sure that the children are dressed in the correct school uniform and shoes.