



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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents/Carers

This term seems to have flown by and we can't believe the Easter holidays are upon us already. It has really been a busy term and there have been lots of good things happening in school over the past two weeks.

On Tuesday 28th March we held our Big Breakfast event in the school hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to have breakfast with their parents or their classmates. We were overwhelmed by how many parents attended and the beautiful atmosphere in the hall. The money raised from the Big Breakfast will go to DEC for famine in Africa and the Bishop's Lent Fund for Asylum Seekers. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Last Thursday evening, our school choir, consisting of seven children from years 4 and 5, attended the 'Sing' concert held by the City Music Service at the Victoria Hall. They performed as part of a mass choir which consisted of many another school choirs from around the city. This was a very enjoyable evening and the children sang like angels.

Earlier in the year, some of the children entered the Rotary Club Young Writers competition. Three children from St Marks were selected to attend a celebration evening at the Quality Hotel to recognise their outstanding contribution. Well done to Areeba Zafar, Tomas Husar and Isa Hussain. Mrs Goodwin said what a lovely evening you all had and were a credit to the school and your parents. Well done!

After school this Tuesday, we held our Messy Easter event in the hall with St Mark's church. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to attend and take part in some Easter related craft activities. Thank you to all of the families who attended.

On Wednesday morning all of the children took part in our fitness morning. The team from ASM sports came in and the children took part in an intense 20 minute workout in the hall. There were six different activities to take part in and the children were exhausted at the end of it. It showed us how important it is to be fit and healthy. We look forward to having another one in July.

Year 4 visited Stafford Castle this Thursday and had a wonderful time re-enacting some of the popular hobbies of the Anglo-Saxon people and exploring the armour and weaponry the Norman soldiers would have used. They had a fantastic day and especially enjoyed travelling by train which was an experience itself.

Could we please remind parents that holidays in school term time will not be authorised and parents will have to attend a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing break. Please ensure you all stay safe over the holidays especially if you allow your children to play outside or visit the park. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 25th April when the gates open at 8.30am. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 went to:- Husayn Ahmed, Azaan Ali, Alan Anoop, Musa Khan, Joury Wasif, Shiraz Hussain, Hasan Ali Mehmood, Nazia Begum, Seemab Zafar, Zakiyah Hussain, Hassnain Qamar, Faiza Hussain, Naima Qamar and Zeba Bibi. Khadijah Abdulla from 1E also received a golden jumper on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to you all!



### 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 - Ameer Hussain, Y1 - Caitlin Mohammed, Y2 - Subhan Khan, Y3 - Ibraheem Ellahi, Y4 - Marouane Ignaoun, Y5 - Aaniqa Yasin, Y6 - Mohammed Abouebaida. Enjoy spending your vouchers!!

### Late for School!!



We are still getting far too many children arriving late for school.

### School gates open at 8.30am

It is really important that children arrive before the school gates close at 8.40am.

They are missing out on vital parts of their education and it is very disruptive to have children arriving in classrooms late.

### After School Clubs



After school clubs will restart in the new term.

Keep a look out for the letters coming home stating which clubs will be available for the summer term.

### YMCA



For the summer term Y4 and Y6 will be going to the YMCA on Mondays. Please remember to send the children with their PE kits.

### Dates for the Diary

#### School re-opens on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am

School is closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May for the May Day Bank Holiday (1 day only)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Swimming restarts for Y5 and specific Y6 children

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Play & Stay for new Reception Children, 1.15pm - 2.15pm