



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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**This term seems to have flown by and we can't believe that the half term break is upon us already. It has really been a busy few weeks and there have been lots of good things happening in school.**

**As part of their topic 'Where do the wheels on the bus go?', Year 1 went bowling on the 11th May at Tenpin Bowling on the Festival Park. They learnt how to bowl and know the different places that you can go to in a city. Then, on the 23rd May, they visited Bagnall Village Hall to look at the differences between a village and a city. They really enjoyed their two visits.**

**On Monday 15th May, we had a visit from Councillor Janine Bridges, who came to look around our school and she was extremely impressed by the children and the learning that takes place. We also held our summer fayre on this day which was a total success. We made a profit of £1150 which will be used for both the Eid and Christmas parties and towards the cost of a production for the children to watch next year. Thank you so much for all of your support.**

**Both Year 3 and Year 5 had visitors in school on Tuesday 16th May. These visitors came into school to help the children understand what life was like during the Anglo Saxon and Stone Age eras. Both year groups got to explore a range of different artefacts and particularly enjoyed using some of the tools that were used during these time periods. Year 2 visited Hanley library this Monday to look at what life was like during the 1950's. The children really enjoyed learning about what life was like then compared to what it is like now.**

**On Thursday 18th May, eight children from Year 1 went to the Fitzy Fox festival at the Fenton Manor sports complex. They enjoyed taking part in lots of different sporting activities and competed against other schools. Children from Years 3 and 4 went to an athletics tournament on Friday 19th May where they competed against other schools in our Seven Stars network. We finished in 3rd place which was a fantastic result. We would also like to say a big 'well done' to all of the Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the football tournament at Northwood Stadium over the last four weeks. You all represented our school beautifully. Well done!**

**After half term the children from Year 6 will be going on our residential visit to Shugborough. If your child is going to Shugborough, can you please ensure that you return your child's medical form and consent form back to school as soon as you can. This is extremely important as the children can't go without it.**

**You will have noticed recently that we have had parking attendants and the mobile CCTV parking camera around school. This is because we have been receiving a high number of complaints, from parents and members of the public, about the way in which some parents are parking cars when dropping of and picking up children. Can we please remind you that you should not park on the yellow zig zag lines and you should not block the school car park! We are trying, where possible, to have members of staff out on the roads to help children safely cross roads and avoid unnecessary accidents. To try and avoid problems, you could come to school a little earlier to find a sensible parking space or perhaps even walk your children which is even healthier for you all.**

**As always, thank you for your continued support and have an enjoyable and safe half-term break.**



## Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards. The awards for week ending 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 went to:- Hamzah Khalil, Aiyan Nasir, Hafsa Ahmed, Samuel Scuka, Anaya Waseem, Marwahnoor Hussain, Eesah Khurram, Simrah Hussain, Fayzaan Nadeem, Vanesa Hussain, Musa Hussain, Khadijah Hussain, Aqsa Shakil, Sana Kausar

The awards for week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 went to:- Hashim Hussain, Rayaan Gulfraz, Aliya Ahmed, Scarlett Salah, Rehaan Mahmood, Isabela Birton, Furqan Sajjad, Alina Hussain, Alishbah Mahmood, Marva Nuri, Aminah Rasool, Henna Mahmood, Jessica Kalatharan, Kyinat Massod

The awards for week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 will be given out on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to you all!



### School Photo's

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to take photographs of Reception and Year 6 children. Also any children who play a musical instrument will be having their photograph taken so they need to make sure they bring their instruments to school. The football team will also have a group photograph taken.

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
DO NOT PARK ON DOUBLE  
YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE  
SCHOOL!!**



**YOU MAY GET A FINE FROM THE  
CCTV CAR PATROLLING!!**

The children raised a massive £288 for the 'Living Streets' charity by coming to school in their favourite shoes. We hope this will encourage the children to walk to school.



Well done to you all for contributing to the charity.

### Dates for the Diary



#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - School closed (Training Day)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Photographs for Y6, Reception, the football team and music groups

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Residential stay at Shugborough for Y6

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Play and Stay for new Reception children

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Swimming for Y5

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June - School Closed (General Election)