



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

Friday 8th September 2017

Message from Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. Nicholls

Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at St Mark's! The summer holiday has flown by and the children have come back to school ready to learn. The term has started really well and the children seem very settled in their new classes. Thank you for supporting our Eid parties on Friday. The children all looked lovely in their Eid and party clothes.

It is really important that children wear the correct uniform for school. Children need to wear black school shoes and not trainers. Headscarves should be either navy blue, royal blue or black. Some of the girls have been wearing 'JoJo' bows to school, can we ask that these are either navy blue, royal blue or black in colour. Can we also remind parents that all children need a P.E. kit in school and can you make sure that all items of the school uniform and P.E. kit are named. **Children should not wear ear-rings to school.**

Please can parents make sure that they collect their children from school promptly at 2:45pm. We have had lots of children this week not being picked up on time, which is distressing for the children and means that staff are left supervising the children. Can we also remind parents that cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside school.

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to St Mark's. Miss Curran and Miss Etherington are our new class teachers and they will be teaching in Year 3 and Year 4. We also welcome Miss Butler to St Mark's who will be teaching in Year 5 with Mr Jarvis in 5J.

The 2017/2018 holidays and training days are printed on the reverse of the letter. The training days may be subject to change, we will let you know if this needs to happen to meet the training needs of the staff. We have also sent home to parents today the newsletter for each year group and the End of Year Expectations for the year group. These set out all that we expect your child to learn during the coming year. We will be holding the first parents evening of the year on Wednesday 18th October 2017, you will have the opportunity to talk to the class teacher about your child's progress.

Dinner Money - This is due on a Monday morning, please make sure that £11.00 is put in a named envelope. It would help us if you could send in the correct money. Thank you to all those parents who do pay the dinner money on time, we will be speaking to parents over the next week or so who continually send in their child's dinner money late.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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Academic Year 2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

School Closed to pupils dates

Schools open for pupils	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
Half Term	Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October (inclusive) 2017
Schools closes	Tuesday 19 th December 2017

SPRING TERM 2018

School opens to pupils	Thursday 4 th January 2018
Half Term	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd February (inclusive) 2018
Schools closes	Thursday 29 th March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

School opens to pupils	Monday 16 th April 2018
School closed (1 day only)	Monday 7 th May 2018 – May day
Half Term	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June (inclusive) 2018
School closes	Friday 20 th July 2018

Inset days – school is closed on these days to pupils

Monday 4th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Friday 16th February 2018
Thursday 12th April 2018
Friday 13th April 2018