



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

Friday 6th October 2017

Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear parents,

The autumn season is finally upon us and it has been a busy couple of weeks in school. Can we please ask that all children come to school in a coat. We have had instances where children have come to school without a coat and then it has rained - the weather can be very unpredictable at this time of year.

Last week, the children in year 4 went to visit Chester Zoo as part of their learning challenge about the rainforests. They had a fantastic time learning about different animals and their habitats. All of the children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

This Tuesday, we held our BIG BREAKFAST and it was a wonderful occasion. Thank you so much to everyone who attended, it was wonderful seeing everyone having breakfast together. We raised £196 and this will go towards paying for an 'oven pit' for an orphanage in Kenya. We look forward to doing this again next term.

Year 1 visited the Monkey Forest at Trentham Gardens this Thursday and had a wonderful time learning all about monkeys and where they live. The children loved seeing the monkeys in their own habitat and have learned lots of information to help them with their learning challenge question: Why can't a monkey live in the North Pole?

The children in class 5C went on a river study with Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. They had a wonderful time learning about the journey of a river and have developed a greater understanding of the river environment. We are pleased to announce that none of the children fell into the water but the same couldn't be said for a member of staff who slipped over! We have been reliably informed that they have dried out now.

Our school football team have started well in their football league. We have played 4 matches and have won 1, drawn 1 and lost 2. We were extremely pleased with our 4-0 win over Waterside last week. Well done all and keep up the winning ways.

We have had reports that some children are bringing crisps and chocolate bars to eat for break time snacks. Can we please ask that break time snacks are a healthy option - this can be fruit, yoghurt or cereal bars. We also have toast that is sold during break time in KS2.

Due to staff training, we have had to re-arrange the Parents Evening, this will now be held on Tuesday 17th October. Letters will be sent out next week.

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.



Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards. The awards for week ending 29th September 2017 went to:- Class RH Ruqaya, Class RN Faizah, Class 1E Safaa, Class 1H Hunaira, Class 2C Hafsa, Class 2G Ismail, Class 3E Alisha, Class 3W Subhan, Class 4C Hasnain, Class 4J Ibraheem, Class 5C Martin, Class 5J Zakiyah, Class 6B Maya, Class 6K Dannish.

The awards for week ending 6th October 2017 went to:- Class RH Ammaar, Class RN Lareen, Class 1E Amer, Class 1H Youssef, Class 2C Nela, Class 2G Aminah, Class 3E Adam, Class 3W Danya, Class 4C Aisha, Class 4J Jerome, Class 5C Mohammd, 5J Zakiyah, Class 6B Hussain, and Class 6K Elizabeth.

Well done to everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Online Safety

Children love YouTube but unfortunately, not everything on YouTube is child friendly, and young people can come across some very inappropriate content. YouTube is an amazing resource, but remember you can't make it 100% safe.

Internet Matters offers the following tips:

- Have a shared family account for YouTube
- Turn the Safety Mode on
 - Vet the content
 - Subscribe to channels that you feel comfortable with then create a feed of safe videos
- Watch and enjoy YouTube shows together with your child
- Keep YouTube screens out of bedrooms and in family spaces

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please make sure that their school inhaler is in-date. All children with asthma **MUST** have a 'care plan' which is completed with the school nurse - for more information, please contact the school office.

Nuts - We need your help!

A small but significant number of our children suffer from nut allergies which can lead to Anaphylaxis (the swelling of the mouth and windpipe). This can be an extremely serious condition and very frightening for the child if they come into contact with even nut traces as they could find themselves unable to breathe. Although the school cannot instruct you not to send foods in lunchboxes that contain nuts, I am sure you have empathy with the children who have this condition. Could we please ask that these products are avoided whenever possible so that we can keep the children safe.

Thank you for your support