



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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all.

We finished the Autumn term off with a fantastic Nativity from KS1 and a memorable festive sing-song from the Reception children. We were amazed at how they had all remembered their parts so well and all the words to the songs. We were also overwhelmed by your generosity with the amount of party food that you send in, thank you for your continued support. The children and staff all enjoyed the Festive Jumper non-uniform day which raised £335.00 which we will donate to the Neonatel ward and the children's ward at the Royal Stoke Hospital.

The Year 6 children took their level 1 Bikeability training, we were so pleased that so many of them passed and will have the opportunity to take their level 2 in May. Year 1 visited the Wolseley Centre to help them with their learning challenge "Where do the leaves go in winter"?. Some of the children in KS2 are taking part in an activity run by the local Police cadets. This gives children an insight into the work of the local police. The after-school clubs all started again this week, they are all over subscribed. We are sorry if your child has not been given a place, we do literally draw the names out of a hat to give everyone a fair chance.

We have welcomed to St Mark's our new Inclusion Leader, Miss Thomas. Miss Thomas is available if you have any concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment with the office if you would like an appointment with her. We also welcome a new member of support staff in KS1, Mrs N Akhtar. She will be supporting the children in small groups with literacy and numeracy. We hope they will both be very happy at St. Mark's.

Over the course of the next few weeks we will be having a meeting for parents in Years 1, 2 and 6 to let you know about the assessments that your child will have during the summer term. The dates are over the page and a separate letter will be sent about these meetings. We hope that you attend these meetings so that you are able to support your child at home in preparation for these assessments.

Finally, whilst we would like to say that we are extremely pleased that the vast majority of children arrive at school on time, there are still some parents who arrive late with their child. This is really distressing for the children to arrive late in assembly or class when all the other children have started their learning. The school gates open at 8.30am until 8.40am. 61 children have arrived late for school this week. We will be monitoring this next week and hope that there is an improvement.

Have a lovely weekend.



## Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have worn the Golden Jumper and received a merit award. We are really proud of your hard work and kindness, keep it up!

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Class RH Madiyah, Class RN Aisha, Class 1E Hamzah, Class 1H Aisha, Class 2C Aleena, Class 2G Nayanika, Class 3E Khubeb, Class 3W Fatima, Class 4C Eimaan, Class 4J Rehan  
Class 5C Juwairia, Class 5J Hafsa, Class 6B Samira, Class 6K Robert

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Class RH Fatimah, Class RN Mohammed Eyad, Class 1E Azaan, Class 1H Yasir  
Class 2C Omer, Class 2G Gabriel, Class 3E Rozi, Class 3W Mubin  
Class 4C Aamane, Class 4J Aiyana, Class 5C Isa, Class 5J Jibraeel  
Class 6B Miroslav Zachar, Class 6K Ellie Carroll

Congratulations

School Closes on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
February at 2.45pm  
for the half-term  
break. School re-  
opens on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018 at  
8.30am

### Eye Infections

There is an increase in the amount of children with eye infections at the moment. Please ensure that your child uses a separate towel at home, that they do not share eye drops with another child and they wash their hands frequently. We appreciate your help in stopping these infections spreading any further.

### Dates for your diary

Year 6 SAT's meeting for parents - 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.45pm  
Year 2 SATs meeting for parents- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2pm  
Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2pm  
Parents evening - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3pm-7pm