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

**Thursday 15th February 2018**

**Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls**

Dear Parents,

We cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone and that the half term holiday is upon us already. It has been an extremely busy half term and there has been lots going on both in and out of school over the last two weeks.

On Tuesday 6th February, Year 6 held a meeting for parents to provide information about the upcoming KS2 SATs, which will take place throughout the week beginning 14th May. This was an excellent opportunity for both parents and children to find out more information about the SATs and what they will entail. Thank you to all of the parents who attended.

Children from Year 3 and Year 4 attended a basketball event on Friday 9th February at Northwood Stadium with other schools from the Seven Stars Network. The children played fantastically and were a credit to our school. Well done if you participated!

On Monday 12th February, Emma George, who works at Hanley Library, visited the children in Year 1 and read them a story that linked to their topic. She also presented all of the children with their library cards so that after half term they can visit the library and borrow books for themselves. How exciting Year 1!

Year 5 went to Jodrell Bank on Tuesday 13th February, where they had a great time learning more information about space - gaining a greater understanding of our solar system. Mrs Wallace held an e-safety meeting for parents in the school hall on the same day and this was an excellent opportunity for parents to become more aware on how to ensure that children are safe when using the internet and different technology. If you ever have concerns about your child being unsafe when using the internet or other forms of technology, we are always here to support you so please come and see us.

On Wednesday 14th February, Year 2 held their meeting for parents and provided information about the KS1 SATS. Again, a big thank you to all of the parents who attended. If you could not attend either the KS1 or the KS2 meetings and would like more information on the SATs please see your child's class teacher.

Can we please remind all parents that dinner money must be paid on a Monday morning and should be given to your child, in an envelope or purse with their name on, to give to their class teacher. We are having many parents bringing dinner money directly to the school office and this is causing a very large queue. Whilst we appreciate you paying the money so promptly, we would really appreciate it being sent in with your child.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and that all of the children stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 26th February.

## 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!

**Class RH Aaizah, Class RN Miroslav, Class 1E Alishba, Class 1H Nisa**
**Class 2C Safa, Class 2G Sharu, Class 3E Khadijah, Class 3W Ali**
**Class 4C Daniyal, Class 4J Saji, Class 5C Fabian, Class 5J Saarah**
**Class 6B Ashton and Class 6K Amir**

*Congratulations, we are very proud of you!*

We will be having a **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL** in school where all the children will be able to buy a gift for their mum, grandma or special auntie to celebrate Mothers' Day. We have got lots of lovely gifts that range from between £1.00 and £5.00. The gifts will be wrapped ready for the children to bring home. This is not only an enjoyable experience for the children but also helps in their understanding and handling of money. The stall will take place on **Wednesday 7th March DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**. The children will visit the stall with their class teacher to choose a gift.

Academy Photography will be in school on 27th February to take the class group photographs.
Please make sure your child has their correct uniform on. Thank you

### Dates for your diary

28th February 2018 – School nurse to measure and weigh Reception children

1st March 2018 – Y3 to visit Liverpool Museum

2nd March 2018 – World Book "Dress Up" Day

5th March 2018 – Visiting Author

6th March 2018 – Mother's Day Breakfast

**School closes today at 2.45pm and re-opens on Monday 26th February at 8.30am.**