



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

Friday 25th May 2018

Message from Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. Nicholls

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.

This week, as part of their topic: Where do the wheels on the bus go? Year 1 had the opportunity to look at different vehicles that were used in the past. These vehicles ranged from cars to busses and trucks but highlighted to the children how transport has changed over the years. The children had a wonderful time looking at the interior and exterior of the vehicles and asked lots of questions about them.

On Wednesday 23rd May, Year 3 went on a Stone Age day at Outback2basics in Weston under Lizard. The children had the opportunity to further understand how the Early Britons lived and had a fantastic time making shelters. They also got the opportunity to make bread using a range of different tools safely.

Year 6 went to Macclesfield Forest on Thursday 24th May as part of their topic on mountains. They had a great day walking up the mountain and have developed their understanding of the physical features of a mountain and how mountains are formed. Some of the children also took their level 2 Bikeability training, they all enjoyed this and know how to cycle safely on the roads.

Last week, Year 6 completed their Key Stage 2 SATs and we are extremely proud of them for all of their efforts. They worked so hard during the tests and gave 100%, which is all that we could ask for. We are extremely proud of you Year 6! The SATs are externally marked and we will not get the results back to school until July. We are also pleased to say that Year 2 have completed their Key Stage 1 SATs and again have worked extremely hard. You all tried your best - well done Year 2.

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 medical and consent form back to school as soon as you can. This is extremely important and the children cannot go without it. If you have any questions about the kit list and what children need to take with them, then please see your child's class teacher.

We will be launching the Seven Stars Guarantee on the first week back after half term, which is something we have developed as part of our Seven Stars network. The Seven Stars guarantee is our schools promise that our children will get to complete a range of different activities before they leave primary school. These activities are taken from the National Trusts list of 50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. There will be the opportunity for children to complete some of these activities and will be inviting parents to come and take part in them too. Please look out for the letter we have sent with the newsletter.

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 parents are parking cars when 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.

Finally, can we wish everyone a happy half term break. Please take care over the holiday and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 4th June.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

*The kitchen refurbishment is now complete, many thanks for your patience.
The children will be able to enjoy the normal school lunch menu from
Monday 4th June.
If your child has a school lunch, please pay £11.00 on a **Monday morning***



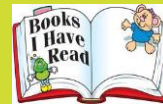
Leave during term time

Can we remind parents that the school does not authorise holidays during term time. The Education Welfare Officer monitors any leave that is taken.

Penalty notices and fines are issued by the local authority

*Swimming – Year 6 and Class 4C
Swimming kits are required on a Wednesday morning. Please can you ensure your child has their swimming kit with them.
Thank you*

*We will be having a Book Fayre in the school hall from 5th - 8th June.
This will be after school, we hope that the children enjoy having the opportunity to buy some fabulous books*



Merit Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard and achieved a merit certificate over the last few weeks. We are very proud of you - well done!

Thursday 24th May 2018

Class RH Mikey, Class RN Sudia, Class 1E Hifsah, Class 1H Romana, Class 2C Zaynab, Class 2G Scarlett

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Class 3E Hassan, Class 3W Amirah, Class 4C Hamza, Class 4J Haseeb, Class 5C Marouane, Class 5J Shazeena, Class 6B Safaa, Class 6K Aminah

Congratulations – keep it up!