



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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Message from Mrs. Johnstone and Mr. Nicholls

Dear parents,

It has been a busy couple weeks and there has been lots of things happening in and around school. The weather has been as unpredictable as ever with a mix of warmth and rain. Can we please ask that all children come to school in coats from now on so they don't get wet if it rains at the end of the school day.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 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 that live in rainforests and their habitats. All of the children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Year 1 visited the Monkey Forest at Trentham Gardens on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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?

Today, members of our School Council visited the Kings Hall in Stoke for a local democracy event. The children had a wonderful time finding out about: how local democracy works; how what we say makes a difference; the importance of voting and they got to see the Council Chamber and the Lord Mayor's Parlour. They also got to meet our local councillors. In a couple of weeks, our year 6 school councillors will be meeting with the other school councils from our Seven Stars network at Werrington Primary School where they will work together on ideas and activities that we will be doing during anti-bullying week in November. The theme for this year's anti-bullying week is Choose Respect and if your child has any ideas on activities we could do for that week, they must see their class school councillor.

We are extremely proud to announce that we have achieved our bronze award for 'Excellence in Music Provision' from the North West Midlands Music Education Hub. We have tried extremely hard over the last few years to improve our provision of music in the curriculum and this recognises the achievements of all of our children. We are now looking at trying to achieve the silver award.

We would also like to say a big thank you for all of your support in our Harvest appeal [www.sendacow.org/harvest](http://www.sendacow.org/harvest). We managed to raise a fantastic £337.00 which will support families in Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia and Lesotho in growing and selling their own crops in order to have a better life. We are still collecting food for our local Foodbank to help support families in the community who are in need of food. We would be extremely grateful if you could send in any tinned food, pasta or rice to help support this.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



Academy Photography will be in school on Tuesday 6th November 2018 to take individual photographs of the children. They will also take sibling groups, which we will sort out during the day. If you have a child who attends nursery or a younger sibling, you are welcome to come into school at 8.15am until 8.30am to have a photograph of them taken with their brothers and sisters. Please make sure that all the children are in their school uniform.

## Parents Evening

Please enter the school by the  
**main playground gates**  
for Parents Evening  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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*High School Applications*  
*If you have not already applied for your child's high school place, the deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018*  
*Please log on to the website below and register for your child's place*

[www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions)

### Merit Awards

*Well done to all the children who were presented with a merit award and a golden jumper today - the children are working so hard and deserve this award!*

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

Class RH Omar, Class RN Hafsa, Class 1E Hanishka, Class 1H Zara, Class 2C Alishba, Class 2G Amirah, Class 3B Hooriya, Class 3E Amina, Class 4J Faheem  
Class 4W Aayan, Class 5LB Asmaa, Class 5VB Ibraheem, Class 6C Fuzail, Class 6J Mert

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Class RH Haroon, Class RN Faran, Class 1E Fatimah, Class 1H Sarah  
Class 2C Husayn, Class 2G Ehsaan, Class 3B Alia, Class 3E Amima  
Class 4J Johan, Class 4W Aqib, Class 5LB Aisha, Class 5VB Eesah  
Class 6C Husna, Class 6J Umme Habiba.

*Congratulations - we are very proud of you*

