



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

Friday 28th September 2018

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.

On Tuesday 28th September, year 3 visited Liverpool Museum as part of their Learning Challenge Curriculum 'Liverpool or Stoke-on-Trent, which city would you choose?' They had a wonderful time identifying the human and physical features of Liverpool and understanding how the city has developed and changed over time. As well as this, year 2 went for a walk around Hanley City Centre and had a wonderful time learning about the difference between the human and physical features of a town.

This Thursday, year 6 visited Hanley Fire Station for the 'Safe and Sound' event where the children spent time learning about how to be safe outside of school. Workshops were held by a series of different professionals such as the police, which were extremely insightful for the children.

We have had reports that some children in Key Stage 2 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 and teacakes that are sold during break time.

On Thursday 4th October we are asking all children to bring in £1.00 and dress in "camouflage" to support www.sendacow.org/harvest for our Harvest appeal this year.

What could your Harvest fundraising buy? £300 - Seeds, tools and training for 10 families, your group could help 10 families grow their way out of poverty

Children can come in the colours of a cow (e.g black and white, brown and white) or dressed as a cow. Children in year 1 will be doing this on Wednesday 3rd October as they are on a trip on Thursday and need to wear their school jumper for the trip to the Monkey Forest.

We will also be supporting the local food bank for the Harvest appeal, we would be grateful for any tinned or packet food that you could send in.

Can we remind all parents that the school is closed for **one day only on Friday 5th October** for staff training. Dinner money next week will be £9.00. Please help the office by sending in the correct money.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Unauthorised leave

Can we remind parents that Governors

DO NOT

authorise any leave of absence for holidays during term time. Prolonged absence can have a detrimental effect on a child's learning and progress and Governors want to encourage parents to not take their child out of school for family holidays.

Any child absent from school for more than 20 days will lose their school place.

If a child is absent for more than 6 days, a warning letter is sent out from the local authority which can lead to a fine being issued to parents of £60.00 per child per parent.

If you need to discuss this, please speak to Mrs Khan, Home School Link Worker.

Parents Evening

We will be holding a Parents Evening on Wednesday 17th October.

Letters will be sent out on Monday 8th October, please check your child's book bag.

Please can we ask parents to make sure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with the child's name and class

Merit Awards

Well done to all the children who were presented with a merit award and a golden jumper today - an excellent start to the new academic year!

September 21st September

Class RH Kiyaan, Class RN Safwaan, Class 1E Michela, Class 1H Maaz
Class 2C Maya, Class 2G Class 3B Aliya, Class 3E Silvia, Class 4J
Kamran, Class 4W Illiona, Class 5LB Alina, Class 5VB Amir, Class 6C
Samira, Class 6J Aliyan

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Class RH Madena, Class RN Marnie, Class 1E Subhan, Class 1H Qasim,
Class 2C Zabiullah, Class 2G Muhammad, Class 3B Mazen, Class 3E
Saffa, Class 4J Fatima, Class 4W Hanyah, Class 5LB Faizaan, Class 5VB
Umme, Class 6C Sophie, Class 6J Hafsa

Congratulations

