



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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents,

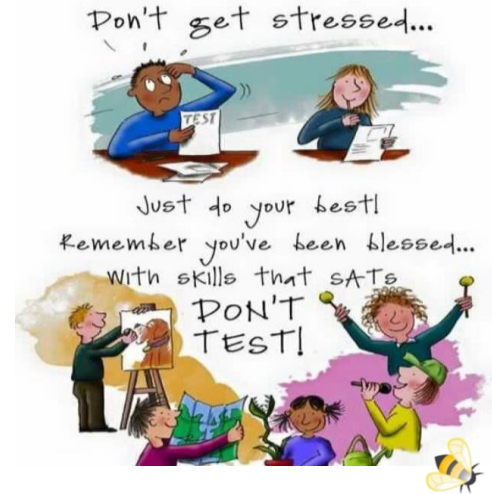
It has been great to see you all back and ready for another fun filled half term! We hope you had a lovely holiday spending time with your families.

## Statutory Assessments

It is that time of year again when both Year 2 and Year 6 have to complete their SATs. To ensure that your child has the best start to the day, please make sure your child goes to bed at the appropriate time, they have breakfast every morning, get into school on time at 8.30am; support them with their home learning and give them lots of praise and encouragement.

**Year 6: Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Year 2: Will take place over the next 2 weeks.**



## Learning Challenge Curriculum

Reception went to Westport Lake on Thursday and had fun hunting for mini beasts. How many mini beasts can you find hidden on the newsletter? How many can you name?

## St Marks Sports News

Year 4 continue to develop their swimming skills and we have given out lots of Beginners and Elementary certificates. One of our children has been asked to represent the school at the City Finals Swimming Gala in June. Good luck Marianna!

## Ramadam

Ramadan has started this week, I know that this is a very important time for many of you and we want you to know that we will be thinking of all our Muslim families during the coming month.

The children will be able to use the Rainbow Room during Ramadan, this room is in a quiet part of the school and does not have any decoration or pictures.

We understand that at this special time, children may want to feel grown up and take part in the fasting. As this is not compulsory for children under the age of 12 we would ask that children do not fast on school days. We would suggest that parents encourage them to only fast at weekends. Thank you for your understanding.



Next week, school will be sending out a questionnaire for Ofsted. This is to inform us of your thoughts and feelings about school. Please take some time to fill it in and send it back into school by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## Staff News

Staff have taken part at NSPCC Child counselling workshops on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and have gained skills to support children in developing their own awareness about their feelings, worries and recognising when they need to talk to someone.



Congratulations to Mrs Ainscough in the school office who has given birth to a baby boy.

We all send our congratulations to Mrs Ainscough and her family and hope to have a visit from them soon. We welcome Mrs Baines who will be covering Mrs Ainscoughs' maternity leave. Miss Lockley joined the Inclusion team at St Mark's on 29<sup>th</sup> April, Miss Lockley is looking forward to working with the children and in particular helping new children settle in with us.

### Team Treat Surprise on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May!

We have had a draw in our Team Points race so all teams will have a surprise treat on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Do not miss it!

### School is closed for voting!

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



School is open on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019



vodafone

Vodafone have very kindly donated a Digital Parenting handbook for EVERY child in school to send home with this newsletter. The handbook helps you and your family to be safe on the internet and have a better digital life.



### Merit Awards



Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards.

We are really proud of your hard work and kindness, keep it up!

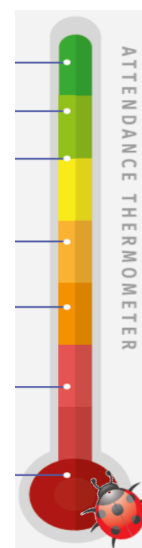
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RH-Hareem, RN-Ilham, 1E-Madiyah, 1H-Zainab, 2C Ayesha, 2G-Humaira, 3B-Aleena, 3E- Bilal, 4J-Danya, 4W-Ibrahim, 5LB-Isa, 5VB-Aiyan, 6C-Zeeshan and 6J-Samad.



### Attendance this year so far

4J -	97.80%
4W -	97.20%
5VB -	97.13%
5LB -	96.90%
6J -	96.59%
1E -	96.12%
2G- -	96.11%
6C -	95.81%
3B & 2C	95.63%
3E	95.19%
1H	94.85%
RN	93.14%
RH	92.53%



### Diary Dates

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 Shugborough meeting -letter to follow

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Happy Shoe Day- Bring £1.00 to school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Bikeability level 2 - Y6



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls