



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

Friday 14th February 2020

Message from Mrs. Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

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 since our last newsletter.

Last week, year 5 visited Stafford Castle. They travelled by train to explore the castle and learn about life in the Norman times. They had a wonderful time and reproduced a William I coin, which they brought home. They were also wonderfully behaved!

On Tuesday 11th February, year 4 should have visited the village of Bagnall. This was as part of their topic and the children were looking to understand why people settle in certain areas. Unfortunately, due to storm damage at the weekend, we could not use the Bagnall Village Hall. As soon as repair work is complete, we will try to organise this trip again as all the children and the staff were disappointed.



Some children from years 1 and 2 attended a Sports Festival competition on Friday 7th February at Northwood Stadium with other schools from the Seven Stars Network. The children played fantastically and were a credit to our school. Some of the year 3 and 4 children are at Northwood today taking part in a Danish Longball competition.

Last week, we held Interfaith Week in school, where children were asked the question: Are we spoiling God's good earth? This was a wonderful week and the children had some very mature and well thought out responses. They used their art, design & technology and English skills in creating some beautiful work during this topic. Well done everyone!

Over the past two weeks we have held various meeting for parents to provide information about the upcoming KS2 SATs, KS1 SAT's and Year 1 Phonics Screening, which will take place in the summer term. This was an excellent opportunity for both parents and children to find out more information about what they will entail. Thank you to all of the parents who attended.

Parents Evening was also well attended on Wednesday 5th February, please make an appointment via the school office if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 27th February, when we will have a visit from John Kirk - a famous storyteller.

Perhaps over half term you and your child could talk about whom they would like to dress up as on the 6th March. The theme is 'All things Magical'.



Reception

The school nurse will be coming in on Monday 9th March to check the height and weight of the children in Reception.

They will have their eye screening check on Thursday 12th March. Parents DO NOT need to attend.



We are really asking for your support with parking. We have had another complaint this week from the church. Parents are removing the barrier and

parking on the grass. This is not only ruining the grass but it is not appropriate to use the church grounds as a car park. This is the second complaint we have received from people locally, please be considerate when parking or perhaps walk to school. We have also encountered parents parking on the pavements outside school.

This is a danger to YOUR child - please help us to keep every child safe!



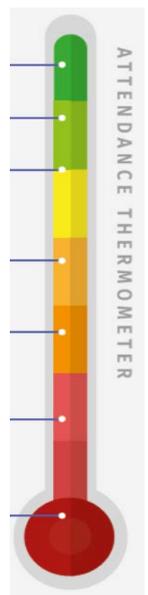
Golden Jumpers and Merit Awards were presented to the following children on Friday 7th February

RN - Anya, RH - Muzdalifah, 1E - Ilham, 1H - Arsima, 2C - Ricardo, 2G - Rehan, 3B - Saleem, 3E - Ayah, 4B - Ayaan, 4W - Silvia, 5AJ - Ali-Haider, 5MJ - Adam, 6C - Faizaan, 6K - Rehan

Well done to you all - absolutely fabulous!
Keep it up!

Attendance

6C	-98.15%
5AJ	-97.15%
2G	-97.06%
6K	-96.80%
4W	-96.47%
5MJ	-96.36%
4B	-95.92%
3B	-95.80%
2C	-95.86%
3E	-95.76%
1E	-94.58%
1H	-93.11%
RH	-92.59%
RN	-92.24%



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 24th February.