St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 25th September 2020

Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

We have had many pupils who have picked up colds and runny noses over the last few weeks. Please remember that children can come to school if they have a cold or a runny nose. They can be given Calpol before they come to school and if need be we can phone you during the school day.

The symptoms of COVID19 are as follows:

- a high temperature (above 37.8°),
- a new or continuous cough,
- a loss of, or change in, sense of taste and smell.

If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, then you **must** ensure that you seek advice from 111 or your family doctor. If you have to isolate because of COVID19 symptoms or a positive test, this means your **whole household** should be isolating.

We have held pupil progress meetings this week with all class teachers and have specifically looked at the gaps in learning due to the COVID19 lockdown. It is pleasing to hear how hard the children are working in class and how dedicated they are towards their learning. We are slightly disappointed with the number of children attending 'catch up' clubs after school. These have been put in place to help all pupils to catch up with missed learning. If your child has not signed up for catch up club, please see your child's class teacher. This is so important to enhance their learning opportunities.

It is important that children read at home every night. They should be reading with an adult and their home school diary should be filled out. We want as many children as we can to go into our Star Readers prize draw on a Monday.

As well as this, it is essential that homework is completed every week on time. Please talk to your child about their homework and support them in completing it. If your child is unsure of what to do, please see your child's class teacher. We have excellent resources such as Bug Club and TT Rockstars, which can be completed at home too.

Should you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or either of us. We are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Merit Awards

Well done to all the children who have received golden jumpers and merit awards. We are proud of your hard work and kindness. Keep it up!

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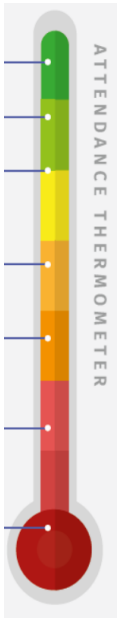
RN, RH, 1E, 1H,
2C, 2G, 3B, 3E,
4B, 4W, 5AJ, 5MJ, 6C and 6K.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who have achieved above 96% attendance -

1E, 2A, 3B, 5MJ

Last week, our whole school attendance was 91.42%. Let us see if we can do better than this next week!



ST MARKS NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

Our Nursery class on College Road in Shelton has **free** nursery places for children aged 3+. Please speak to the office staff for more information.

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP