



St. Mark's CE Primary School

Thursday 17th December 2020

Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear parents,

Well the end of the autumn term is finally upon us. It has been an extremely long term and in places, it has been very challenging. This half term has felt much more settled in school and the children have all worked hard. We would like to pass on our thanks to all parents/carers for all of your hard work and support throughout the term.

Over the last two weeks, all of the teachers have been carrying out assessments in reading, writing and mathematics for their classes. We have purchased new reading assessments for years 1 to 6 and we are pleased with how the children have taken to completing them. After the Christmas holidays, we will be holding 'pupil progress' meetings with all teachers to analyse the progress that pupils have made so far this year and what next steps are needed to ensure that they make even more progress next term.

Miss Colby and Mrs Nicholls have been completing 'book bag' monitoring this half term. They have been checking children's home school reading diaries to see how often children are reading in class and at home. Overall, they were pleased with what they have seen. This is just a reminder that all parents should read with their child at home every night. This is so important in helping your child to make progress with their reading.

We are extremely proud of the children and staff in Reception and Key Stage 1. They have produced their own version of Mariah Carey's song 'The Star'. This was not easy to do because of social distancing and keeping bubbles separate. This song will be uploaded to the school website at the end of this week for you all to hear. We must say a very special thanks to Mr Anderson, from the City Music Service, and Miss Etherington/Miss Hort for putting the song and video together.

This week the children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 had a lovely visit from Santa Claus. He really enjoyed visiting the classes and giving out presents. We are pleased to say he will be taking the naughty elves back to the North Pole with him!

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday. We would like to wish a merry Christmas to those who are celebrating the festivities.

Please make sure that you all follow the advice set out by the government in relation to COVID19. If during the holidays any member of your household tests positive for COVID19, please make sure that you email the school to let us know. This email address is covid@stmarkssch.org.

Please remember that school will reopen on Tuesday 5th January.

PLEASE STAY SAFE!



Wash your hands



Wear a mask



Socially distance



Merit Awards



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

04/12/2020

RN: Sulaiman **RH:** Ansharah **1H:** Aleenah **1E:** Aafiyah
2A: Amaan **2G:** Fatimah **3E:** Jeremiah **3B:** Sudias **4W:**
Abu-Huraira **4B:** Muneeb **5AJ:** Aleena **5MJ:** Zaynah **6C:**
Adam **6K:** Hassan

11/12/2020

RN: Zain **RH:** Fatima **1H:** Marwa **1E:** Ruqayyah **2A:**
Abu-Amama **2G:** Subhana **3E:** Aaizah **3B:** Katie **4W:**
Maher **4B:** Sona **5AJ:** Fatima **5MJ:** Saadia **6C:** Arslan
6K: Johanna

Attendance

6C – 100%

RH, 2A, 3E,
4W & 5AJ –
97%

4B & 3B –
93%

RN, 1E & 6K
- 90%

1H & 2G –
87%

5MJ - 83%



This half terms attendance winner is.....



6C - 99%



Diary Dates

Monday 6th January - INSET day

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls