



# St. Mark's CE Primary

Friday 26th November 2020

## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already a month into this half term. Time certainly flies by when you are having fun! The winter months are closing in fast and it has become extremely cold over the last few days. We are still having some children come to school without a coat. Can we ask that all children come to school in a warm winter coat and if needed a hat and gloves too. We are having to ventilate classrooms and corridors at the moment because of COVID19 so can you please ensure that your child wears a vest to help in keeping them warm during the day.

We have noticed this week at lunch times that some children, who have a packed lunch, are not having a healthy lunch. It is important that children have a balanced diet so can you please make sure that packed lunches are healthy and have sandwiches and fruit in them. It is not acceptable to have just chocolate and crisps. We will be checking on this over the oncoming weeks and speaking to parents where needed.

The children have all been enjoying P.E. lessons in school but there has been some confusion over what children need to wear for P.E. lessons. The correct P.E kit that children should wear to school is a white t-shirt, black or navy jogging bottoms and their school jumper. Children should not come to school wearing hoodies or other coloured jumpers.

We would like to say a big thank you to parents for continuing to wear facemasks when entering the school premises. Please do not be offended if we ask you to wear a face mask, we are only trying to keep everyone safe. It is also important that we remember to socially distance when waiting to collect children, particularly in Year 1. Please ensure that you stand at least 2 metres away from other people. We have also noticed some parents hugging and handshaking, it is extremely important that we do not do this!

We have had a few incidents over the last week with parents sending their children into school whilst awaiting the results of COVID19 tests. **Please do not send your child to school if anyone in your household has the main symptoms of COVID19 or are awaiting the results of COVID19 tests.** This puts other children and staff at risk of possibly catching the virus!

This week, we have both seen some lovely examples of homework from children across school. It really does make our day when we see such beautiful home learning. A big well done to all those children who we have seen, you have made us so proud. Please make sure you are completing your homework on time and if you are not sure what you have to do, then please contact your child's class teacher.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we have the school nursing team coming into school administering seasonal flu immunisations. If you have not yet done so and would like your child protected against flu, please complete the consent form as soon as possible. On the day of the vaccination, all children that have received the vaccine will have a smiley face stamp on their wrist to identify that they have received it. If your child has any allergies, please make the nursing team aware by phoning 0300 124 0366. Children with asthma who have increased inhaler use, are wheezy 72 hours before or are taking oral steroids within 14 days **MUST** call 0300 124 0366 as well.

**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!

**RN:** Ayan **RH:** Hawwaa

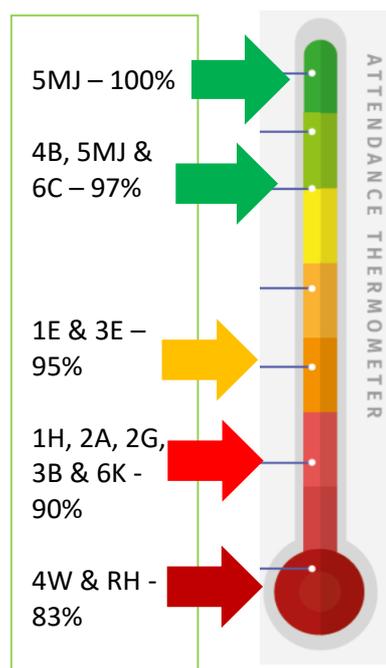
**1H:** Shayan **1E:** Mohamed **2A:** Zi-Han

**2G:** Damian **3E:** Wynter Mae **3B:** Varin **4W:** Fatima

**4B:** Hashim **5AJ:** Sahil **5MJ:** Miruna

**6C:** Aisha **6K:** Syeda

**Attendance**



**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Seasonal flu immunisations

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls