



St. Mark's CE Primary School

Thursday 1st April 2021



Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally come to the end of a very strange and difficult term. We have had a very busy last two weeks in school and all of the children and staff have been working extremely hard. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their hard work and efforts. We are hopeful that the summer term will be much more settled for us all.

Last Friday was 'Wear a hat day' across school. Everyone looked fantastic wearing their hats. We especially liked the hats that were hand made in EYFS and Key Stage 1. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, children and staff for their kind donations. On the actual day, we raised £564.70. Throughout this week, we have received even more donations. This means that altogether we have raised just over £685. Well done St Mark's this is absolutely fantastic and we are totally overwhelmed by your generosity. This money will be added together with the money raised by Etruscan Primary School and Watermill School and sent to Brain Tumour Research to help to fund research into finding a cure for brain tumours.

Due to an increase in food costs, the price of school meals are to change after the Easter holidays to £2.40 per day or £12 per week. Can we please ask that money is bought into school in an envelope, wallet or purse with your child's name and class clearly shown.

****All dinner money should be handed in on a Monday morning.****



Unfortunately, we have been informed that school is required to be used as a voting station for the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections on Thursday 6th May. Please note that school will be closed to all pupils on this day. We apologise for the short notice on this but this has only been confirmed recently.



We have noticed that there has been a significant drop off in the number of children reading daily at home. Please listen to your child read every day. It has been proven that if your child reads every day outside of school that it will improve their successes in school and in life! Please do not just sign their reading log without listening to them read!

Please can parents make sure that they collect their children from school promptly at 2:45pm. We have still had many children this week not being picked up on time, which is distressing for the children and it means that staff are left supervising them. Can we also remind parents that cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside school.



Merit Awards



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

Friday 26th March 2021

RN - Miruna, RH - Chris, 1E - Muzdalifah, 1H - Delawar,
2A - Tomas, 2G - Nikollas, 3B - Shahd, 3E - Madiyah,
4B - Ayesha, 4W - Ami Rose, 5AJ - Zainab, 5MJ - Hiba,
6C - Kaley, 6K - Iliana



Attendance

Last week, our whole school attendance was well below 96%. 🙄

We are really hoping that this will improve after the Easter holidays. It is so important that we are in school every day and on time.



ST. MARK'S 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.

SEAT BELTS SAVE **PRECIOUS** LIVES!



SAFETY FIRST



ALWAYS BUCKLE UP

Important Dates:

Monday 3rd May - **School closed** - Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 6th May - **School closed** - Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections

Finally, we wish you all a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19th April at 8:40am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls