



# St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021



## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, the summer holidays are nearly upon us. This academic year has been challenging in so many ways but we have managed to get through it together. We would like to thank the children, staff and parents for all of their hard work and support throughout a most turbulent year.

Reports went home to parents this week and we hope that you are as proud as we are of the hard work and progress that the children have made over the course of the year. We apologise that we were unable to hold our usual achievements awards ceremonies this year and hope that we will be able to continue this in the next academic year.

### Farewell to Year 6

We are sure you will join us in saying good-bye and good luck to the Year 6 children, who are moving on to pastures new. We would like to wish them every success as they start high school and hope that they continue with the positive and enthusiastic attitude that we have seen during their time at St. Mark's. Remember Year 6, once a St. Mark's pupil, always a St. Mark's pupil!

### Staff News

On Tuesday, we say goodbye to both Mrs Ræis-Mohammed and Mrs Turner, who have taken the decision to retire. We are extremely sad to see both ladies leave the St. Mark's family and would like to thank them for all of their hard work and commitment during their many years at the school. We hope that they have an enjoyable and fun filled retirement and know that they will be sorely missed by everyone at St Mark's!

We have sent letters out this week, explaining which classes children will be in next year. If you are not sure where entrances or exits are for your child's new class, please come and see one of us on the school gate. We are always happy to help!

### What to do in the holidays?

During the holidays, 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!



There are many events taking place in Hanley Park over the summer holidays. We have added posters around the school office and gates to promote this. Hanley Park also has a competition taking place for children in school. Children are invited to draw pictures of the park or write a poem about what Hanley Park means to them. There are prizes on offer for those that are chosen as winners. Please bring your entries back into school in September.

We hope that everyone celebrating Eid-Ul-Adha next week all have a wonderful time. We hope that you enjoy the festivities whilst following the government's guidance and rules in relation to Covid19.

Have a safe and restful summer holiday and we shall see you all back in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. Whilst out and about during the holidays, we hope that you all stay safe.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls



## 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!

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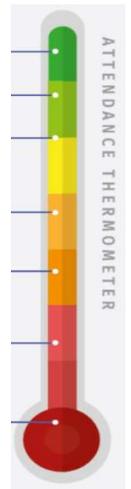
1E Abdullah, 1H Eman,  
2A Damian, 3B Qasim, 4B Husayn,  
4W Daria, 5AJ Omer, 5MJ Joshua,  
Year 6 - All of Year 6 children are our superstars this week!!

## Attendance

Last week, our whole school attendance was 95%.

We are still below 96%!

Let us try to work hard to get it back to 96% in the new academic year.



## PLEASE STAY SAFE!



Wash your hands



Wear a mask



Socially distance

## Dinner Money

The cost of a school meal is £2.40 per day or £12 for the week. If your child is going in to Year 3 - 6 please make sure dinner money is paid on a Monday and your child's name and class are clearly on the envelope.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive Universal Free School Meals so do not need to pay.



SEAT BELTS SAVE **PRECIOUS** LIVES!



SAFETY FIRST



ALWAYS BUCKLE UP

## Important Dates:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Children return to school.