



# St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start back to the half term. The weather has been fantastic and this has really helped to put a smile on everyone's face. When the weather is hot, please make sure your child has a sun hat with them and that you apply sun cream before coming to school.

Last half term Year 4 made some beautiful terracotta vases as part of their history topic on the Greeks. These all look wonderful and some of them have been fired in a kiln at Watermill School this week. We are sure that you will all agree that they are great. Well done Year 4!



Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in Level 1 Bikeability last week and this was hugely successful. The children all worked extremely hard and gained practical skills and understanding in how to cycle on today's roads.

Both Year 2 classes have enjoyed a virtual tour of The Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi. All of the children had a great time learning about the features of the mosque, the call to prayer and the many different patterns and designs found there.

Last week, the school office sent a letter out about school uniform orders. All uniform order forms must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please can we remind you that all children should be wearing BLACK school shoes and not trainers on non-PE days.

We have had a few complaints that some parents/carers are not wearing facemasks when entering the school premises. It is extremely important that we all follow the government guidelines given that there has been an increase in the spread of the new Delta Covid variant. If you or your child displays any of the main symptoms of Covid19, you must book a PCR test and isolate until test results are returned.

Can we please ask parents of children in Key Stage 2 not to drop off /collect children in cars parked in the middle of the road on Lawrence Street (outside the gates). It causes a backlog in the traffic, which is frustrating for others, and it can be dangerous. We have had a few incidents last week where parents/carers are driving away and children have not shut car doors. This could result in a child being injured. Please find a space to park and then, if it is safe to do so, let your child / children out of the car.

**Important Date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of the Summer Term**

# Covid-19 Testing

## With symptoms

'PCR' tests

### When to take the test

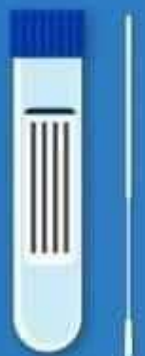
- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

### How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

### Get a test

- At home
- At a test site



## Without symptoms

'rapid lateral flow' tests

### When to take the test

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

### How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

### Get a test

- At home
- At your secondary school
- At a test site
- At your university
- At work
- Collect from a pharmacy
- At your nursery
- Order online



Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119

PLEASE STAY SAFE!



Wash your hands



Wear a mask



Socially distance

We are having an increasing number of children arriving late to school & children attending routine medical appointments during school hours. Both of these disrupt the classrooms and means your child is missing learning time. Children should be in school by **8.40am** and all routine appointments should try to be made for before or after 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!

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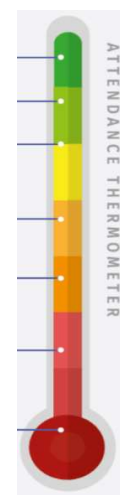
RH Aarish, RN Ahmed, 1E Sarish, 1H Zara,  
2A Abdullhameed, 2G Aminah, 3B Mumin, 3E Halimah,  
4B Suhrem, 4W Helan, 5AJ Musa, 5MJ Adam, 6C Adam,  
6K Marwahnoor

## Attendance

Last week, our whole school attendance was 95%.

We are still below 96%!

Let us try to work hard to get it back 96%. We can do it St Mark's!



Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls