



St. Mark's CE Primary School

Friday 28th May 2021



Message from Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally come to the end of a busy and productive half term. The weather has been awful these last two weeks and it has done nothing but rain. Let's hope that we will have some sunshine during the half term break.

We are extremely proud of all of our children and their commitment to their learning. Over the last few weeks we have both had the pleasure of observing English lessons across the school with Miss Colby, our English leader. We have thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children about their learning and they were all really keen to tell us how they are succeeding in lessons.

We were visited by Marc Rowlands and Anne Gadsden (pupil premium advisors) on Monday 17th May and they were thoroughly amazed by St. Mark's. We had a wonderful time walking around school with them, speaking to staff and children. Both were very impressed with our school's positive and empathetic approach to improving outcomes for children. Mrs Johnstone has been asked to speak at a pupil premium conference in June to share our good practice!

After half term, we will be running ASM sports clubs after school for years R, 1 and 3. These are on a Monday (Reception), Tuesday (Year 1) and Thursday (year 3). Please note that all 'Catch up' clubs have now ended.

We have noticed over the last week or so that there are many children wearing trainers to school on non-P.E. days. Can we please remind you that children should wear black school shoes to school and we will be checking up on this after half term. It is so important that everyone wears the correct school uniform.



Please ensure that your child's book bag comes into school every day and please listen to your child read at home. When you listen to them read please comment in their reading diary. It really does make a big difference to the progress children make in reading.

May we take the opportunity to wish everyone a lovely half-term break. School will reopen on **Monday 7th June**. Please stay safe and make sure you follow the government guidelines around Covid19.

COVID REMINDER FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON CONTACT TRACING OVER MAY HALF-TERM

If your child develops Covid19 symptoms within 2 days of being in school, particularly Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May, please email the school on our covid email address - covid@stmarkssch.org - as we may have to advise contacts of your child to isolate.

However, if your child develops symptoms more than two days after being in school, please take your child for a PCR test. The school does not need to be informed until we return to school on Monday 7th June.



You can get lateral flow tests from Local Centres

Ramin Healthcare Limited - Unit 89 Shelton Enterprise Centre: 9am-5pm

Tesco Hanley: 8am-8pm

Lloyds Pharmacy - Norfolk Street: 8.30am-6.30pm

Norfolk Street Pharmacy Ltd: 8.30am-7.30pm

City Centre Mosque - Regent Road: - 10am-2pm

More information can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>



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 14th May 2021

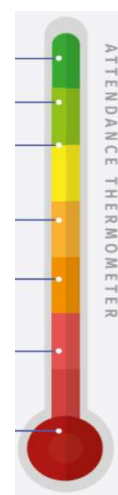
RN Sawdah, RH Hawwa-Noori, 1E Helen, 1H Amaya,
2A Nafeesah, 2G Usman, 3B Elijah, 3E Ali, 4B Aleena,
4W Danya, 5AJ Rotag, 5MJ Samoal, 6C Ali, 6K Johana.

Attendance

Last week, our whole school attendance was 95%.

We have dipped below 96%!

Let us try to work hard to get it back 96% after half term.



Important Dates:

Year 5 Bikeability - Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th June

Year 6 Bikeability - Thursday 10th & Friday 11th June

Last day of the Summer Term - **Tuesday 20th July**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Johnstone and Mr Nicholls