16th October 2020

St. Mark's Newsletter

In a caring Christian community together we love, learn, laugh and achieve.

Sickness/Absence:

Please remember that **COVID-19** symptoms are a **high temperature, a continuous cough and loss of taste and smell**. If your child or anyone in your household has any of these **COVID-19** symptoms or have tested positive they must self isolate at home and inform school immediately.

Adults on School Site:

May we please remind parents / carers that only adults dropping Reception and Nursery children off come on to the school site in the morning. Please also limit this to one adult per family. This is to reduce the number of adults on the school site.

Please wear a mask and keep at least 1 metre between adults on school grounds. Do not congregate by Leathers Lane gate.

If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please wait by Leathers Lane gate and a member of staff will escort your child/ren to you.

This is for the safety of our pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Family Learning Courses:

Due to COVID restrictions, Family Learning Service will be working differently this year by delivering the courses remotely. There are 3 courses on offer to parents/carers. Please visit our website for further information about what is on offer

https://stmarkshalewood.org.uk/homepage-catergories/latest-news-1/5041-family-learning-courses.html

Primary and Secondary Admissions:

Apply online from your Local Authority. **The closing date for Secondary admissions is 31st October 2020**. The closing date for Primary admissions is 15th January 2021. A supplementary faith form has been sent home to Nursery pupils, which needs to be returned to school with proof of baptism/faith by 15th January 2021.

Poppy Appeal:

We will be selling poppies in each class from Monday 19th October to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Stick on poppies are 10p each and metal pin badge poppies £2 each.

	Attendance	Punctuality
REC	94%	100%
YEAR 1	93%	100%
YEAR 2	88%	99%
YEAR 3	96%	99%
YEAR 4	94%	99%
YEAR 5	92%	99
YEAR 6	99%	98%

Fir Avenue Parking:

Please be considerate to our neighbours on Fir Avenue and Fir Close when parking your car when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not park on the grass verge or double park. Thank you in advance for your co operation.

Half Term:

We break up for half term on Friday 23rd October at the normal times, see below. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Class	Start time	Finish time	Entry/Exit point
Y6	8:45-8:55	2:50-3:00	Leathers Lane Door
Y5	8:45-8:55	2:50-3:00	Playground Door
Y4	8:50-9:00 *NEW TIME*	3:00-3:10	Leathers Lane/Hall Door
Y3	8:50-9:00 *NEW TIME*	3:00-3:10	Playground Door/Hall Door
Y1/2	8:55-9:05 *NEW TIME*	3:10-3:15	Playground Door
Reception	8:45-9:05 *NEW TIME*	3:00-3:10	Classroom Door

Student of the Week

Liam	NURS AM
Ralphy	NURS PM
Harry	REC
Jude B	YEAR 1
Alannah	YEAR 2
Alexia P	YEAR 3
Elliott	YEAR 4
Kian	YEAR 5
Kareem	YEAR 6

Good Manners

Caden	NURS AM
Jack	NURS PM
Bahadar	REC
Laken	YEAR 1
Leila	YEAR 2
Maddison	YEAR 3
Louise	YEAR 4
Joshua B	YEAR 5
Lucy	YEAR 6

Maths Award

Parthaap	REC
Elizabeth	YEAR 1
Thomas	YEAR 2
David	YEAR 3
Sophie H	YEAR 4
Maddie	YEAR 5
Thomas F	YEAR 6

Well done to all the children who received an award this week.

There will be no afterschool clubs until further notice, due to COVID-19