



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School



Fir Avenue, Halewood,
Merseyside, L26 0XR

End of Year Newsletter July 2021

Start and end times:

Doors will open each morning at 8:45am and lessons will commence at 8:55am. School will finish for all classes at 3:10pm

Entry doors are as follows:

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Classroom doors

Y3/Y5 - Playground doors (near EYFS)

Y4/Y6 - Leathers Lane doors

Exit doors are as follows:

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Classroom doors

Y3 - Playground door (near EYFS)

Y4/Y5 - Hall side doors

Y6 - Leathers Lane doors

Year 6

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6 for working hard, achieving and progressing so well despite the disruptions we have had over the past 17 months and thank you to all our staff for teaching and supporting our children so effectively. Even though we were unable to have a leavers' assembly, we were overjoyed that they made it to PGL and to have a leavers' party on the school field. Thank you to the parents who made this possible. We wish them the very best as they move to their secondary schools in September: SFX, St. Julie's, Merchant Taylors, Halewood Academy, Bellerive, Belvedere, St. Margaret's and The Grange. We hope they have enjoyed their time at St. Mark's and are looking forward to their next adventure.

End of Year Reports

Reports have been sent home with children this week.

School Admissions

EYFS - we have 30 children starting Reception in September and 24 children starting Nursery. All parents have received a booklet outlining starting arrangements and provision for the Early Years Foundation stage. If you have a child due to have their 3rd birthday this year please fill in an application form as soon as possible.

School term time dates 2021 - 22 - see school website

Paper copies are available from the school office. You will notice that we have an extra bank holiday next year for the Queen's Jubilee which is during our Whit holiday, we have therefore added an extra day to our Christmas holiday dates.

Dinner Money

The cost of a school dinner will remain at £2.10 per day, £10.50 per week. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive a free school meal every day.

Children moving up in to Year 3 will no longer receive universal free school meals. If your child is not in receipt of means tested free school meals they will be required to set up a ParentPay account to pay for their school meals. Letters will be sent home in September with login details for ParentPay.

We advise all parents to complete the Free School Meals application form online before September.

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-meals-and-menus>

School Uniform

School uniform is available from Laser Schoolwear, 46 St. Mary's Road, Garston, L19 2JD, tel. No: 0151 494 9455. PE kits, book bags and ties are also available from school. Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers. May we also remind parents/carers that only stud earrings and watches are allowed (smart watches are not permitted). Nail varnish is not allowed.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will open on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 8:00am till 8:45am. There will be a small increase to the cost of Breakfast Club from September 2021 of 20p per day, therefore the cost will be £2.20 per day. As we are still unsure of the guidelines from September, places will still be limited and we will still work on a booking in system until further notice. Any children who already have places booked will keep their place in September. If you require a place, please email the school office - stmarks@knowsley.gov.uk.

FSM Vouchers

Those parents/carers who receive means tested free school meals will receive a Wonde voucher this week via text to cover the six weeks Summer holiday.

New teacher

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher to St Mark's from September. Miss Bamber will be teaching in Nursery and is looking forward to commencing her post.

<u>Staffing</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>TA</u>
Nursery	Miss Bamber	Mrs Costello
Rec	Miss Vondy	Mrs Perrin/Mrs Kaye
Nurs/Rec	Mrs Dunbar	
Y1	Mrs Schofield	Mrs Mason
Y2	Miss Wilson	Mrs Rigby/Mrs Luff
Y3	Miss McKimm	Mr Cushion
Y4	Miss McHugh	Mrs J Williams
Y5	Mrs L Williams	Mr Harvey
Y6	Miss Ferguson	Mrs Taylor/Miss Ashton

Miss Doyle is expecting a baby next term and will be in school, but not with a specific class.

Visitor Code of Conduct

May we please remind visitors on our school site of our Statement of Expectation of Behaviour which is displayed on our school doors.

Finally the staff wish you all a very happy Summer and look forward to seeing you for the start of another enjoyable and successful year on Thursday 2nd September.