10th September 2020

St. Mark's Newsletter

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

Covid Safety Measures in School:

We are still implementing Covid safety measure in school to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

Please remember that **COVID-19** symptoms are a **high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss of taste and smell**. If your child has any of these **COVID-19** symptoms they must stay off school and please inform staff of their illness.

There have been changes to the national self-isolation guidance where people under the age of 18½ years old or people who have been double vaccinated are not required to self isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case. A letter from Knowsley Council has been sent home via the school app with further details, this is also available on our school website.

Year 3 100% Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 3 for achieving 100% attendance this week. They will be awarded an own clothes day next Friday 17th September as a reward.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Good attendance is imperative to ensure your child receives a full education. Poor attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, they can fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

Holidays taken during term time are not permitted and will not be authorised.

Doors open every morning at 8:45am and classes will start at 8:55am. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time every day.

If your child is absent for any reason, you must telephone the school office on 0151 288 8910 or send an absence report via the school app by 9:30am.

Attendance Award:

We have two tickets for Gandy's Circus which we will put in to a hat next Friday for children who receive 100% attendance and punctuality next week. You've got to be in… to win!

Year 6 Swimming:

Year 6 started their swimming lessons this week. These will continue for a further 3 weeks every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

Primary and Secondary Admissions:

The application process is now open for Reception and Year 7 admissions for September 2022. Please visit your local authority website to apply for a school place. The closing date for Primary 2022 is 15th January 2022 and the closing date for Secondary 2022 is 31st October 2021. Please ensure you have applied before the closing dates.

	Attendance	Punctuality
REC	97%	100%
YEAR 1	92%	98%
YEAR 2	95%	98%
YEAR 3	**100%**	**100%**
YEAR 4	97%	99%
YEAR 5	94%	98%
YEAR 6	95%	100%

If you are applying for a Reception place at St. Mark's and wish to apply under the Faith criteria you will also be required to complete a Supplementary Faith Form and provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Copies of these will be sent home on Monday to our Nursery pupils.

If you are applying for a secondary school place, we advice that you visit secondary schools websites to find out dates of open evenings. We appreciate that applying for a secondary school can be difficult. Whilst we can not advise you on which school to apply for, we are here to help if anyone is having difficulty, please contact school if you require any support.

Considerate Parking:

Please park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. We have been made aware that cars are parking on footpaths, which is a massive safety issue. Please find alternative places to park for the safety of our children. Thank you.

Student of the Week

Jack	NURS AM
Kurtis	NURS PM
Joshua	REC
Thomas	YEAR 1
Sofia	YEAR 2
Stas	YEAR 3
Isabella	YEAR 4
Bogdan	YEAR 5
Jasen	YEAR 6

Good Manners

Sylvie	NURS AM
Charlotte	NURS PM
Emilie	REC
Halle	YEAR 1
Amelia	YEAR 2
Matilda	YEAR 3
Alfie	YEAR 4
Hayden	YEAR 5
Eleni	YEAR 6

Reading Award

	Rec
Carter	YEAR 1
Lucas	YEAR 2
Poppy	YEAR 3
Noah	YEAR 4
Niamh	YEAR 5
Jaden	YEAR 6

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

After School Clubs

Tues- 3:10-4pm - 5/6 Netball, 5/6 Competition Club

Wed - 3:10-4pm - 3/4 Art Club 3/4 Netball