



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School



Fir Avenue, Halewood,  
Merseyside, L26 0XR

## End of Year Newsletter July 2020

### Year 6

What a lovely group of pupils we have had this year in Year 6, they have been a credit to our school and their families. We are especially disappointed that we cannot celebrate their wonderful character and achievements in our usual way, with a leavers' assembly, prom and various other end of year celebrations. Those in school will have a small celebration on Thursday afternoon and we have promised to arrange a 'get together' for Y6 pupils at some point in the future.

### End of Year Reports

Reports are available to be collected from school tomorrow, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Please arrive via Fir Avenue and make your way round the left side of the school to the side entrance to the school hall.

### School Admissions

EYFS - we have 30 children starting Reception in September and 31 children starting Nursery. All parents should have received a booklet outlining starting arrangements and provision for the Early Years Foundation stage. If you have a child due to have their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday this year please fill in an application form as soon as possible.

### School term time dates 2020 - 21 - see school website

Paper copies available from the school office.

### Dinner Money

From September 2020, 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. Letters have been sent home via our school app to our current Year 2 parents/carers who will no longer qualify to receive a free school meal with details of ParentPay, a dinner money payment system. Free School Meals applications can be made by visiting

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

### Snack Trolley

There will be no snack trolley available in the Autumn term. This will be revisited in the Spring term, depending on circumstances. Children can bring a healthy snack to school, such as a piece of fruit or cereal bar. They should also bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.

### School Uniform

All children should be in full school uniform when we return in September.

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 permitted. Nail varnish is not allowed.

### **Pencil cases**

From September children will not be permitted to bring pencil cases to school. Equipment will be provided by school. This will be reassessed in the Spring term.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will reopen from Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 8:00am till 8:45am. This will be a reduced service as we can only accommodate 30 places as per government guidelines. Please contact school by telephone or email to reserve a place and it will be on a first come first served basis. As the government guidance is updated we will inform you as and when we can accommodate more children in Breakfast Club.

### **FSM Vouchers**

Those parents/carers who receive Free School Meal vouchers will receive a final Wonde voucher this week via text/email. The Government have agreed to fund a further voucher to cover the 6 weeks Summer holiday, which will be provided by Edenred. These will be printed and are to be collected from school between Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### **Internal decoration**

We have taken the opportunity during lockdown to have all the classrooms and some corridors painted. Staff have worked hard to create vibrant and exciting learning environments ready for a new school year in September.

### **Staffing**

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

### **New teacher**

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher to St Mark's from September. Miss McKimm will be teaching in Y3 and is looking forward to commencing her post.

### **Mrs L Williams**

Mrs Williams started her maternity leave on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and we are pleased to report the family have welcomed baby Isla and all are doing well. Mrs Williams sends her very best wishes to everyone, but especially to our Y6 leavers.

*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.*

*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - KS1 and KS2*

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Reception*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Nursery*