17th January 2025

ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER

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

Joshua Tree Collection:

On Tuesday we honoured a very special little girl 'Silva' on her birthday. Children and staff came in to school wearing an item or accessory of silver. Thank you so much for the generous donations we received for 'Joshua Tree', a charity very close to the families hearts. We raised an incredible £329.29.

Reception and Year 1 Phonics Club:

Letters have been sent home with targeted children for the Parent and Child Phonics afterschool club on Thursday. We have not received many responses and wondered if it was due to some parents having other children in school. Parents are welcome to bring their other children to the afterschool club. We hope this will encourage more parents to engage in the afterschool session. Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language. Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words.

Gymnastic Trials:

Gymnastics trials will continue on Monday after school for Year 3 and 4.

Aspirations Week:

After the success of last years Aspirations week, we have decided to organise another one this year, week commencing the 10th February. There will be lots of activities taking place throughout this week. Year 6 will take part in an enterprise task. We have invited professionals to come in to school to talk about their careers and on Friday 14th February, children will be asked to come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older.

If you would like to come in to school to talk about your career, or know someone who would, please contact the school on 0151 288 8910.

It will be an inspiring week for all our pupils.

Dogs on Premise:

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted to come on to the school premises.

Y5 Science at Halewood Academy:

Year 5 have been invited to Halewood Academy on Monday 20th January to take part in a practical Science session. Children will leave school after lunch and will be back in school before home time. More sessions are planned, however we do not have the dates as of yet.

	Attendance	Punctuality
REC	92%	91%
YEAR 1	96%	99%
YEAR 2	97%	99%
YEAR 3	94%	98%
YEAR 4	97%	99%
YEAR 5	89%	98%
YEAR 6	99%	99%
Whole School	95%	98%

Year 4 Swimming:

Swimming lessons continue next week for Year 4. Please be reminded that children with long hair should wear a swimming cap.

School Nurse:

The school nurse will be in school for a drop in session on Thursday 23rd January between 9am and 10am.

Attendance League Table

League Position Week 2	Class	Total points	Next week's fixtures
1	Year 2	8	Nursery v Year 1
2	Reception	6	Year 6 v Reception
3	Year 4	5	Year 2 v Year 3
4	Year 3	4	Year 4 v Year 5
5	Year 1	3	Year 4
6	Nursery	2	V Year 6

Congratulations

Dahl—for winning this week's house points award. They have won an own clothes day on Friday 24th January.

After school Clubs

Monday 3:15-4:15pm Y3/4 Gymnastics Trials

Tuesday 3:15—4:15 Y5/6 Badminton/Short Tennis

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm Y3-6 Sing Club

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm Rec/Y1 Phonics club (targeted children—an invite letter has been sent home)

Student of the Week

Bobby	NURS
Rosalia	REC
Leo	YEAR 1
Nellie	YEAR 2
James	YEAR 3
Amelia	YEAR 4
Lily	YEAR 5
Stas	YEAR 6

Good Manners

Otis	NURS
Trixie	REC
Kendal	YEAR 1
Amilyn	YEAR 2
Caydence	YEAR 3
Daiva	YEAR 4
Harper	YEAR 5
Emily	YEAR 6

Maths Award

Leighton	REC
Cody	YEAR 1
Albie	YEAR 2
Isla	YEAR 3
Kiera	YEAR 4
Lucia	YEAR 5
Noah	YEAR 6