Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

11th October 2019

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Pupil Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development

I hope that you have had the opportunity to read the school's Ofsted report that was given out to the children earlier in the week. We are very pleased with our outcome. The children independently spoke to the inspectors about the level of care they receive from the staff at the school. They also informed them that the behaviour across the school was good and that they had lots of opportunities within the school to take on responsibilities and be leaders.

Within this newsletter you will find out about some of the things that we do within the school to support children, promote positive behaviour and give children a strong sense that this is their school and they each have a responsibility to improve it and make it better.

In the event that you have any concerns relating to behaviour, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance, so they can manage any incidents within class. Our senior leaders are also available should you wish to speak to them regarding areas of concern that you have relating to your child.

Jessica Bowerman
Assistant Headteacher

Susan Eade
Deputy Headteacher

Claire Moses
SENCO

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance across the school has been fantastic this week and we were able to reward 5 classes with a certificate for 96% & above, however, there is now a number of children arriving late for school. This disrupts the learning in class and also means that your child misses some of the learning each day they are late. Please remember ...

In the line by 5 to 9!

Value of the Week

A passion to learn

Learning to make the right choices

BIBLE VERSE

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve … but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24.15

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 95.65%

Reception— 98.56%

Year 1— 97%

Year 2— 98.46%

Year 3— 97.78%

Year 4— 96.67%

Year 5— 95%

Year 6— 95%

WELL DONE!

Well done to Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4!

Keep it up!

Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

What is happening at St Mark's

Phonics

Early Years and Year 1 parents were welcomed into the school for a session with the class teachers to discuss the expectations for their children in their respective years. They discussed how and what the children will be learning in English, Maths and Topic as well as getting some key information about how to support their children at home.

Nursery have been enjoying playing in the ice cream shop, and exploring outside in the garden. We have been trying lots of sensory play in the tuff tray!

Reception Class have been focusing on the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' This week, they went on a bear hunt around the school where they found an actual bear!
They invited the bear to their class where they were able to ask him lots of questions and show him around.

BEHAVIOUR SYSTEMS at St Mark's

At St Mark's we work together to create a happy, safe environment. Our Christian values lie at the heart of our ethos, we value each individual and promote mutual respect and positive relationships.

Lanyards

Teachers give out lanyards for achievements in the following areas: effort and hardwork in learning, showing kindness and compassion, being joyful and positive, accountability and leadership, demonstrating self-control and collaboration.

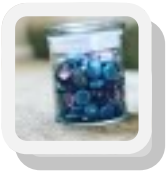
Children's name will be moved to the star on the behaviour chart.

A record is kept of how many times a child has received a lanyard and after 5 lanyards a bronze badge will be awarded, after 10 a silver badge and after 20 a gold badge.

The children who received a lanyard that week, will be recognised in the Friday assembly.

Haris was extremely proud of being awarded the Kindness and Compassion star for helping children whenever he sees they are in need.

Pebble jar



As a whole class reward, each class has a pebble jar which they aim to fill throughout the term.

Pebbles can be added to the jar as a reward for the achievements of the whole class. E.g. focus during a lesson, positive playtimes, working as a team, being good representatives of the school on trips, collectively promoting our school values.

Once the jar has been filled, the class can decide on their whole class reward such as bringing toys into school, cooking healthy treats together, using bikes and scooters in the playground.

Attendance Bear

The class with the highest attendance will be awarded with a teddy bear, to keep in the classroom for the week.

End of Term Certificates

At the end of each term six pupils will be awarded an end of term certificate in the same categories.

Children in year 4 filled their pebble jar!!! Here there is a picture enjoying their reward of going on the laptops.

What is happening at St Mark's

Year 5/6 Futsal Competition

We won 3 out of 5 games played.
Great effort from all the children. Outstanding performance by our goalkeeper and striker.

Harvest from Garden

After the sowing, comes the harvest. A beautiful picture of the different vegetables that our garden has produced. Well done to all who participated on it!

YEARS 3 & 4 ANGLO-SAXON DAY

Years 3 and 4 children have been enjoying today being Anglo-Saxons! They came dressed up, baked bread, made a shield and had a feast!

After School Clubs

Thank you very much for your collaboration in the transition for the new online payment. Clubs are running smoothly and children are enjoying their chosen activities. Just a reminder to collect your children on time after clubs at 4.25 pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At St Mark's our monitors have been working very hard at making sure our school runs smoothly. So far, they have shown great commitment and demonstrated excellent leadership in their positions and I know that this will go from strength to strength. We would like to thank all monitors and the members of the school council for your valuable contribution to St Mark's School.

School Council 2019-2020

Year 2 - Elijah and Kiarah

Year 3 - Jastin and Rosa

Year 4 - Maria Victoria and Reece

Year 5 - Bryan and Solange

Year 6 - Mesha and Rafael

MONITORS

Lunchtime Monitors:

Eni, Ellie-May, Luna, Rosa, Ana-Luisa, Sara, Rania, Jastin, Manuela

Play Buddies:

Sara, Emmanuel, Reece, Luna, Rosa, Angel, Grace, Holly, Amirah, Ellie-May, Noah, Nyhla, Faith, Francisco, Bradley, Lacara, Vivian, Jastin, Ronell, Judith, Kailin, Samuel, Eni

ICT Monitors

Aiden, Djelika, Francisco, Ruby, Kadeem, Bryan

Garden Monitors

Angel, Esther, Tiago, Ainhoa, Faith, Bryan,

Prayer Monitors

Neiyah, Tiago, Shary, Keziah, Ana, Esther, Kelly

PE Monitors

Norris, Ethen, Francisco, Geoffrey, Aaron, Tomiwa, Cameron, Bryan, Jaden Lee, Noah

Eco Monitors

Jastin and Nyhla

Collective Worship

Bethel, Sara, Nikaya, Audrey