Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

29th November 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,

Attendance and Punctuality

We are pleased that attendance across the school has steadily improved and there are more classes obtaining attendance levels above the school expectation of 96%. In 2018 our attendance level was 94.8% and in 2019 it rose to 95.8%. We want it to be above 96% in 2020! Children's achievement in school is closely linked to their attendance at school.

As a school we now need to improve punctuality. While most pupils are in line by 8.55am, there is an increasing number of pupils who are regularly late on a daily basis. Not only does this disrupt the learning of the pupils within the class, children miss out on the same important part of the school day. Please remember that it is the parents' responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly and on time. There is always traffic in the mornings, so get into the habit of leaving the house earlier in order to be on time to school.

Remember: In the line by 5 to 9!

Thanks,

Mr Ingram

St Mark's C of E Primary School will be celebrating **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December 2019.** Pupils, Teachers and TA's are invited to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and pay a donation of **£1.00**, which goes towards **Save the Children**.

If you do not have a Christmas jumper, then not to worry. **Christmas hats or regular woolly jumpers are also welcome.** We can provide some tinsel to any pupils who would like to make their outfits more festive, so don't feel that you need to purchase a jumper for this occasion if you don't already own one.

Our small donations could change a child's life. It could help them to grow up healthy and safe, get an education, even learn how to read - Things that we sometimes take for granted.
So get involved, let's help to make the world better with a sweater!

Value of the Week

Having Knowledge & Understanding

BIBLE VERSE

" He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding ."

Daniel 2.21

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 93.64%

Reception— 95.71%

Year 1— 88%

Year 2— 97.69%

Year 3— 93.84%

Year 4— 96.67%

Year 5— 95.17%

Year 6— 95.71%

WELL DONE!

Well done!

Years 2 and 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 –EYFS

NURSERY

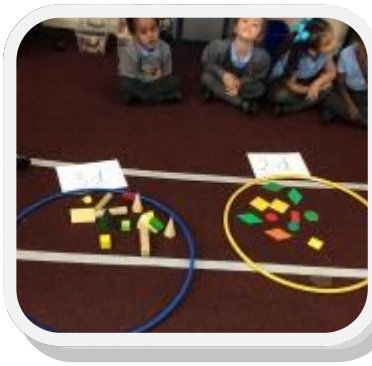
We had an open morning where Parents had the opportunity to come to Nursery and spend time with their children. They could see their work and the different activities on offer on a "normal" day. Thank you to all who came.

Children were very excited on their trip to the Natural History Museum. They enjoyed seeing the dinosaur bones and even the dinosaur eggs!

Nursery has also been busy cooking dinosaurs cookies! The children really loved mixing the ingredients, manipulating the dough and shaping the yummy cookies with cutters!

RECEPTION

Children at Reception work very hard and we can see the excellent progress they have made in just one term. They are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and they have linked them to their Christmas theme! They have been making beautiful Christmas decorations.



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VISITS TO DURNING LIBRARY

During the last two weeks all the Year groups have had the opportunity to visit our local library Durning. They had story telling, and were able to take books home. They had a great time reading and exploring all of the fantastic books and meeting the very friendly librarians.
If you have a chance, please visit your local library with your children to encourage them the good habit of reading.

YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY

Year 4 led an amazing assembly where they remembered Naaman's narrative from the book of Kings in the Bible! The theme was 'Overcoming Obstacles'.

Notices

w/c 2nd December

Music Performance — School Hall at 3.00 pm

Tuesday 3rd December – Years 1 & 2 –

POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY

Wednesday 4th December - Years 5 & 6

Thursday 5th December - Years 3 & 4

EYFS Nativity play

Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30 pm — School hall

PSA Coffee Morning

Friday 6th December

9.00 am

School hall

ALL WELCOME! Come along and support the school!

w/c 9th December

Years 1 & 2 Nativity play

Tuesday 10th December at 2.30 pm

School hall

Christmas Craft Market

Friday 13th December

3.30-4.15 pm

School hall

w/c 16th December

School Christmas Pantomime

Monday 16th December 2.15-3.15 pm

School Hall

Saturday 21st December 12.00 pm

at St Mark's Church

School Carol Service

Thursday 19th December 9.20 am

at St Mark's Church