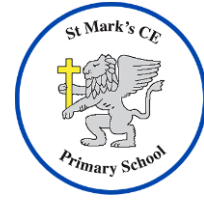


St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Newsletter:

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week it has been leading up to half term!

This week the Year 2 children sat their end of KS1 SATs. The children put 100% effort into their assessments and we are all very proud of them. They showed fantastic resilience and never gave up, even when they found it challenging. A huge thank you to our amazing parents for also supporting the children through the process. Today, they had a lovely treat to celebrate completing them.

All the children have been very busy in classes this week, working on everything from English to Science, Maths to History and everything in between. It has been lovely to see the learning going on in each class and how engaged the children are with their curriculum.

On Tuesday, Mrs Hill and I attended an Early Years OFSTED Briefing, where we found out more information about the new OFSTED framework and how this would be implemented throughout our Early Year provision. The meeting was extremely informative and assured us of the measures we are taking to ensure best practice in our Nursery and Reception setting.

On Wednesday, Jo Bradbury from the Early Years Team came into school to deliver training to staff members on supporting children with English as an Additional Language. The training was absolutely brilliant and gave practical ideas for moving children forward, which will be implemented into our everyday practice.

When school was closed for polling day on Thursday, the staff came into school and worked on the 'Context for Learning' overviews across the Trust. They discussed the implementation of our curriculum and how it is relevant to the children in our schools. We looked at which parts of the curriculum have the greatest impact on the children and why.

This week, St Mark's Local Governing Body met with children in school to carry out a pupil consultation on what the children feel is working well within school and what they feel could be further improved. The children came up with some fantastic ideas that will be fed into the next academic year.

Today we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Miss Garside and Miss Harris, who are both leaving us to start new adventures. Miss Harris has taken up a position closer to home, so that she can spend more time with her young family; Miss Garside is leaving us to start a new journey in the Early Years Foundation Stage. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contribution to school and wish them all the luck and love in the world for the future. I know they will be sincerely missed by the children and staff, but I am certain they will be back to visit us when they can.

A reminder that school closes today for half term; we will reopen as normal on Monday 3rd June.

Have a wonderful and safe half term, filled with time spent with loved ones.

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