

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



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a fantastic first week back at school we have had this week! It was great to welcome the children back into school on Tuesday and been absolutely lovely to talk to them and find out everything that they have been doing over the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had an amazing break with your families and loved ones.

On Monday, the staff across the MAT met together for an INSET day focused on further improving Teaching and Learning. The day was jam packed full of new learning for teachers and teaching assistants to include in their classroom practice. The staff were extremely enthusiastic to use the strategies taught in their classes this week.

Walking around school this week, it has been a pleasure to go into the classrooms and see all of the children really engaged in their learning; from ordering timelines to focusing on the properties of 3D shapes or learning the rules for the use of a contraction.

Please look out for the 'Dates for the Diary' letter that will be sent out very soon. The letter outlines all important dates for this term in advance. The dates will also be posted on the school Facebook page.

The children have come back into school with very positive attitudes to their learning and are looking very smart in their uniforms. A reminder that children are to wear black school shoes; black trainers are not part of our school dress code. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear to school, avoiding heels or sling back shoes. Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school that is fully labelled with their name.

We have become aware that many children have received Smart watches for Christmas and are wearing them to school. If there is the ability to take photographs on your child's Smart watch, then these are NOT to be worn in school. The same applies to members of staff and is covered in our 'appropriate use of technology' policy. If the watch becomes a distraction to the child then, as with any other item, it would be confiscated, returned at the end of the day and the child would be asked not to bring it into school again. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend,

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