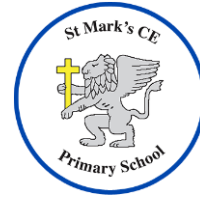


# St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant week we have had in school this week! The children have continued to settle beautifully into their routines and have enjoyed getting back into the structure of the school day. It has been lovely to see the children entering the school playground with huge smiles on their faces, ready to tackle the day ahead. When walking around school it is clear to see all of the fantastic learning going on.

The children in Little Lions' have been enjoying getting to know their new rooms and teachers and have particularly enjoyed exploring the outdoor area and playing with the bubbles. The Reception children have completed their first full day in school today and have behaved impeccably. They are already getting used to the routines put into place by Mrs Booth and the team. A huge thank you to all of the parents for supporting the arrival process, we have had little to no tears from the little ones (or the grown-ups).

I would also like to take this time to inform you that most letters will be only posted on our Facebook page moving forward to reduce the amount of unnecessary paper being sent home with the children. However, there are certain letters that will need to remain in paper form i.e. the flu immunisation letter from the NHS, children's homework etc. Where possible we will reduce sending letters out on the days when reading books and planners are sent out.

Please note the letter posted on our school site about the reopening of Breakfast club. We are excited to be able to provide a small number of places within our Breakfast Club to support parents and families getting back to work. Please follow the information on the specific Breakfast Club letter if you are interested in reserving a place for your child.

Years 1 and 2 have been looking at counting reliably in Maths, as well as enjoying their new class reader Flotsam. The children have been making predictions about the books and have been raising their own questions about it. Years 3 and 4 have been getting stuck into Harry Potter and we astonished to learn that the first book came out in 1997 when I was in Primary School. One child even commenting, 'Wow Mrs Ferguson you must be quite old!' The children in Upper KS2 have been exploring Modal Verbs and how these are used in context. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working in their new exercise books this week, taking lots of pride in their work.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from the Trust CEO and she commented on how beautifully the children have come back into school; eager to learn and with great learning attitudes. Mrs Coulthard also noted how well the children knew our new school rules and were able to implement them without prompting.

**Reminder: October half term this year is 2 weeks. The children will finish on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and they will return to school Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**As always, have a restful weekend with your loved ones and stay safe,  
Mrs K A Ferguson**

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