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



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week in school this week!

This week I have had the pleasure of spending time in our Early Years department and I must say it is wonderful to see how well the younger children in school are settling into their class routines. The children in the two year old room were busy using chalk to draw outlines of their body parts; making lots of mess whilst doing it. In Pre-School, the children were thoroughly engaged in their 'by the sea' role play, making one another ice-cream whilst exploring their favourite flavour. In Reception, the children were having fun exploring their number of week 'number 1'. They hunted around their classroom and the outdoor environment for where they could see the number 1. Mrs Booth set them the challenge of finding the number one on signs such as front doors or shop labels. All of the children are extremely happy in their new classes and are building positive relationships with their teachers.

This week the LMAT team have met to discuss remote home learning and how this can be developed and utilised within school. We are going to be researching and exploring a variety of different ways to engage the children, should they need to complete any form of home learning. This will be developed over the next couple of months

Next week, the Year 3 children will be starting their annual swimming lessons on Wednesday 23rd September. Due to current restrictions your child will need to wear PE clothes on this day and come to school with their swimwear underneath. Please ensure they bring a towel and clean underwear to change into after their lesson. A reminder that swimming is part of the national curriculum offer for children and is not optional.

Please can I take this time to remind you that it is vital that your child's attendance remains a priority; your child should be in school every day. We understand that this is a worrying time and many parents are being understandably cautious. However, if you are concerned about your child's illness or whether they should be isolating due to covid-19 symptoms, please ring school and ask for advice from our office or pastoral team, who will be happy to support and answer any questions you may have.

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

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend,

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