

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



Dear Parents/Carer,

Another week in school has flown by!

This week, the children in Little Lions' and Reception have been learning all about their emotions, focusing on the book 'Colour Monster'. This has been done in line with our 'Zones of Proximity' work and training. The children have been focusing on the understanding that every emotion we feel is right and valid and that there are strategies to support us in dealing with our emotions. The children in Years 1 and 2 took a trip to the St Mark's beach this week. We couldn't take the children to the beach, so we found a way to bring the beach to them! Children in Year 3 enjoyed their first swimming experience; they came back into school with huge smiles and tales of their time at the baths. Year Four boarded the Hogwarts' Express as they continued their learning about the school of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The children in Years 5 and 6 have been diving deep into their class reader 'Swallows and Amazons'.

As a school, we are having a huge focus on handwriting and presentation; children in all year groups are carrying out a handwriting boot camp to show off their presentation skills. Children will be practising their handwriting every day and we will be celebrating the most improved handwriting in each class throughout the term. Please encourage this pride in presentation with your children at home and send a picture to our Facebook page if there is anything you would like us to celebrate with the children.

Next week, we will be carrying out our termly working party meetings with a focus on teaching and learning and the 'Recovery Curriculum.' Teachers from across the Trust will meet together, virtually, to discuss their subject areas in look at strengths and how we can continue to drive each area forward.

Please can I remind all parents that parking on the double yellow lines and zig-zag lines outside and around school is prohibited during school hours. There are a number of cars parking illegally and therefore making it difficult and at times unsafe for our children walking to school. Please respect this and park only in designated places.

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.

Just to clarify the holiday pattern for this year, like some other local schools, we have slightly altered the school working pattern for this year only. I would like to reassure you that the children will have exactly the same number of taught days in school as they usually do in any other school year. Monday October 19th is a school INSET day where staff will be spending the day working on catch up plans for the children. The children will return to school on Monday 2nd November. The term dates have been on our school website since September 2019.

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend,

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