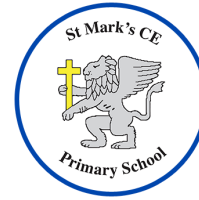


St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another great week at school this week!

The children in Nursery have had a fantastic time learning all about their own wellbeing. They have also started practising for their Christmas performance (ssshhhh! It's a secret!!!). Children in the Reception class have been learning all about themselves and have even drawn self-portraits using different materials. They have been exploring the number 9, as well as reading the story, 'Well Done, Little Bear.'

This week I've had the privilege of watching phonics lessons being taught in the Year 1 and 2 classes. The children were really engaged in their learning, learning phase 5 sounds and reading words, captions and sentences. They are trying really hard with their reading skills and I am incredibly proud of them. This week, Mrs Booth and I have met with the English Hub to plan some further training to deliver to staff to look at how we can continue to move school forward in this area.

Children in Year 3 and 4 have been exploring place value in maths and looking specifically at ordering and comparing numbers. They have also been focusing on their guided reading skills throughout the week. Year 5 have been exploring area and perimeter in maths this week. Year 6 children have been investigating the properties of polygons. They have also been reading their class reader 'Street Child' and have written a narrative based on this.

I am sure you will join me in sending a huge congratulations to both Miss Malley and Miss Livesley, who are both expecting babies. We are absolutely thrilled for them both and cannot wait to meet their little bundles of joy. Miss Malley will be leaving us for her maternity period at Christmas and Miss Livesley at February.

Today, you will have been sent out a poster invite to your child's festive evening on Wednesday 16th December straight after school. Obviously, we cannot do our usual disco this year, so we have planned something a little different. We would love it if every child could stay for this! The children will get chance to watch a Christmas film with their teachers and have a hot chocolate and a treat.

A reminder that if anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19, the whole family must isolate until a negative test has been given or your 14 days isolation is complete. If you need to contact school with the results of your child's test, please contact the school covid email address at any time stmccovid@thewings.org.uk

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend, Mrs K A Ferguson

Headteacher Mrs K Ferguson