

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very festive week in school this week!

The children have all been working hard on their Christmas performances and I have to say that I am incredibly proud of the hard work and effort they have put into them. We know things are a little bit different this year without our live performances, but we sincerely hope you enjoy the recordings that the children and staff have worked so hard on. The recordings will be released on our school Facebook page throughout the week. Please feel free to comment on the videos, so that we can share your lovely feedback with the children.

This week the children in Little Lions' have continued to get creative with their Christmas crafts; Reception children have worked really hard to perfect their live nativity; children in Year One have blown me away this week with their performance skills and children in Year 2 have been using their phonic knowledge to complete their phonics screening check.

In Key Stage Two, children in Years 3 and 4 have been working hard on their SPaG skills in English this week and children in Years 5 and 6 have been working on skills for scientific enquiry.

Next week, the children will be having their festive film night on Wednesday as well as their Christmas dinner. All children are entitled to a free Christmas dinner on this day, paid for by school. The children may also wear a Christmas Jumper on this day.

A reminder that we finish for our Christmas holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. As always at Christmas time, this is a half day and your child's class has an allocated finishing time. Please see the table below for your child's finishing time

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT
Term ends Friday 18th December	1.15pm	Reception	Front Main Gate
		Year 1	KS1 Playground
		Year 2	KS1 Playground
	1.20pm	Year 3	KS1 Playground
		Year 4	KS2 Playground
	1.25pm	Year 5	KS2 Playground
		Year 6	Front Main Gate
Monday 4th January 2021	All day		Staff INSET day
Tuesday 5th January 2021	All day	All	Back to school for all children

Next week, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Westhead, who has chosen to spend some more time with her family. Mrs Westhead has been an absolute asset to the team here at St Mark's and we will miss her very much. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the luck in the world as she starts her new journey. She has already told me that she will be back to visit because, 'once a member of St Mark's. always a member of St Mark's.'

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

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