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





Dear Parents/Carers,

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support over the last few months. It has been a privilege to have our children back safely in school, learning and making memories along the way. This would not have been so easy without your continued support when we have made tweaks and changes to the school day. It has been an incredible achievement for me, as Head, to work alongside such fantastic children and such a dedicated staff team. We really are a happy family at St Mark's and cannot thank you enough for helping us to maintain that close bond as such a difficult time.

As the Christmas holiday is upon us, it is vitally important that you make contact with school if your child tests positive over the holiday period. Please ensure that you email stmcovid@thewings.org.uk with the following details;

- Your child's name and year group
- A convenient contact number for yourself
- The date your child's symptoms started
- · The date your child was tested
- The date and time your child's test came back positive
- The last day that you child was in school

You will then receive a phone call from myself to discuss this further and clarify any details. I must stress the importance of contacting this email address as soon as your child's positive result is received so that the relevant agencies can be informed and any staff or pupils informed of any required isolation period.

This week, we released the children's Christmas Performance recordings; we hope that you enjoyed watching them as much as the children and staff enjoyed making them. The children worked really hard in a short space of time and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Thank you for all of the positive feedback and comments that so many of you have left on Facebook and emailed into school. I have shared these positive comments with staff and I must say they certainly put a smile on their faces.

We have had a week of festive fun in school this week! On Wednesday, the children received a beautifully cooked Christmas Dinner (thank you to Mrs Stonely) and then had a festive film evening with hot chocolate. It was a delight to see the children in their Christmas jumpers. Today, the children had a visit from Santa today and each received a present to put under their tree. The children were incredibly excited, but grateful and used lovely manners when they were given their treat.

Reminder: The children return to school from their Christmas break on Tuesday 5th January. We look forward to seeing all of our families in the New Year.

Over the holidays, please ensure that you keep one another safe, look out for each other, and as always, spend valued time at home with your loved ones.

Have a magical and festive break,

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