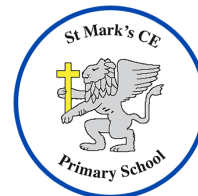


St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents /Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to all of our children and their families. I hope that you had a fantastic half-term break and that you managed to thoroughly enjoy the sunshine. It has been lovely to see all of the children return to school with big smiles on their faces, eager to get back and learn. The children have been working really hard on building mutual respect and always using their manners. They continue to amaze me, holding open doors and wishing each other well.

The children in Little Lions' have been exploring textures through the story 'We're going on a bear hunt.' The children in Reception have been continuing to explore number and counting reliably. Children in Years 1 and 2 have been completing their phonics assessments this week and we have been really proud of all that they have achieved. They have also been focusing on their new class reader, 'The Twits'; they were so surprised when wormy spaghetti arrived in their classrooms. Children in Year 3 enjoyed their swimming session this week, whilst the Year children worked on Team Building skills with Wigan Warriors. Year 5 have been working to add suffixes to words in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Year 6 really enjoyed their first swimming lesson and are looking forward to continuing for them the rest of term.

On Wednesday, one of our Local Governing Body members came into school to discuss how we create our curriculum, how we organise our teaching and how we have implemented the catch-up funding. She said that she was, 'blown away' by how we try to provide the very best possible education for our children.

Please can I remind you, with the rising numbers of covid-19 in the local area, to wear a mask when you drop off and collect your child; ensure you do not congregate on the school premises and that you are adhering to social distancing guidelines at all times.

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

| Summer 2—Dates for your diaries | | | |
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| Tuesday 8th June – 13 th July | PM | Year 6 | Year 6 start swimming every Tuesday for 6 weeks |
| Tuesday 8 th June | 2pm and 6pm | New Reception | Reception new Intake meeting via zoom |
| W.C 28 th June | | All | Assessment Week |
| Monday 28 th June | All Day | LL + Reception | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 29 th June | All Day | Y1 + Y2 | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 30 th June | All Day | Y3 + Y4 | Sports Day |
| Thursday 1 st July | All Day | Y5 + Y6 | Sports Day |
| Friday 2 nd July | All Day | All | Sports Day Awards celebration via zoom |
| W.C Monday 5 th July | | All | Progress Meeting Week |
| Tuesday 6 th July | PM | New Reception | INSPIRE Session 1 |
| W.C Monday 12 th July | | Y1 + Y2 | Phonics screening |
| Tuesday 13 th July | PM | New Reception | INSPIRE Session 2 |
| Thursday 15 th July | | Year 6 | Leavers treat and Graduation RECORDED |
| Friday 16 th July | PM | Nursery | Little Lions Graduation RECORDED |
| | | Whole School | Reports go Home |
| Monday 19 th July | | KS1 | Moving up Day |
| Tuesday 20 th July | | KS2 | Moving up Day |
| | PM | New Reception | INSPIRE session 3 |
| Wednesday 21 st July | PM | Whole School | Virtual Prize Day |
| TERM ENDS Thursday 22nd July between 1pm and 1.30pm – RETURN ON Monday 6th September | | | |

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