

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school this week!

The children have well and truly settled back into their learning. The children in Little Lions' been taking part in choral singing and dancing. The children in Reception have been practising retrieving their knowledge this week, rehearsing prior learning with their teachers at dinner time and at the end of the day. Don't forget to ask your children what phonics sounds they have been learning at school. The children in Year 1 have been exploring money in maths this week and the children in Year 2 have been exploring the use of a Rekenrek for mastering number. Years Three and Four enjoyed their first swimming lesson back after Christmas. Year 5 have conducted an experiment in Science this week, looking at heat insulators and Year 6 have had fun creating their own 3d design in computing.

Leaders in school have met this week in order to begin planning our celebrations for the Jubilee in June. We are really excited to share this once-in-a-lifetime experience with our children in the near future... we will make it one to remember!

An update on the change in the guidance for 5 day isolation period

You will have no doubt spotted yesterday's [announcement](#) from the government that the minimum period of isolation for positive cases is to be reduced to 5 full days from Monday. According to [news](#) reports this move will enable individuals with negative test results on days 5 and 6 to emerge from isolation on Day 6. Schools are currently awaiting updated guidance from the Department of Education and will update families accordingly. As I am sure you can understand, schools receive updates at the same time as the public, and we await further guidance on the implication this change will have on schools across the country. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

With high number of Covid-19 cases in the local area, please can we request that wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your child in order to support our school community.

As always, take care and stay safe, Mrs K A Ferguson

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT
Tuesday 18 th January	1.30pm	KS2	Reading training session with Parents
Friday 4 th February	All day	Whole School	NSPCC Number day
W.C 7 th February	All week	Whole school	Safer Internet day
Monday 14 th February	PM	Whole school	Valentines event TBC
	2.15pm	Reception	CFL afternoon
Tuesday 15 th February	2.30 pm	Year 3 + 4	CFL afternoon
	2.30pm	Year 2	SATS Meeting for Parents/ Carers (Virtual)
Wednesday 16 th February	2.15 pm	Year 1 + 2	CFL afternoon
Thursday 17 th February	2.30 pm	Year 5 + 6	CFL afternoon
Thursday 17 th February	3.30pm	Year 6	SATS Meeting for Parents/ Carers (Virtual)
HALF TERM 18TH – 28TH FEBRUARY			

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