



# ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic week it has been in school! Our discos took place over two evenings and we hope the children enjoyed themselves as much as we did—there was lots of fun and plenty of smiles. On Wednesday, the children in Years 1 and 2 danced the afternoon away, followed by Years 3–6 on Thursday. A huge thank you to all the staff who stayed to support these events, and a special thank you to DJ Cool for hosting both discos so brilliantly.

This morning, Year 3 and Year 6 attended Mass at St Mark's. We are very grateful to Fr Emmanuel for engaging so beautifully with the children—and for his wonderful singing! The children were so well behaved and were an absolute credit to their families. We were touched to hear that residents from the care home opposite the church have begun attending Friday Mass regularly because they enjoy the children's singing so much. Thank you also to the parents who were able to join us; it was lovely to have you there.

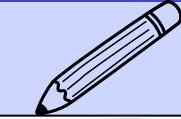
Our Dodgeball Team are taking part in the finals this afternoon, and we wish them the very best of luck.

Later today, you will receive a letter with all the dates and details for our upcoming Advent and Christmas celebrations. There is a lot of important information, so please do take the time to read it carefully. For the Christmas outings, parental consent and waivers for children in Years 4–6 are required. We would be very grateful if these could be completed as soon as possible, as children without consent or waivers will not be able to take part.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Woodruff



Class	Attendance
<b>N</b>	87.5%
<b>R</b>	96%
<b>Y1</b>	98.2%
<b>Y2</b>	95.6%
<b>Y3</b>	90%
<b>Y4</b>	99.3%
<b>Y5</b>	93.3%
<b>Y6</b>	98%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	94.7%



## Important Dates for next week

### Tuesday 2nd December

- UNIFORM FOR ALL KS2 INCLUDING Y5
- Advent Service in School at 2pm—Free of charge. 2 tickets will be sent home per family on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Thursday 4th December

- Year 1 Class Assembly in the school hall at 9.30am. 2 adults per child are welcome to join us.

### Friday 5th December

- OWN CLOTHES DAY SUITABLE FOR DASHING!
- Whole School Santa Dash on the school field. Voluntary sponsorship welcome. All of our children from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a sponsored Santa Dash. This involves completing laps of our daily mile track wearing a festive outfit or own clothes (with trainers), and singing Christmas songs! The Santa Dash is all about having fun whilst being active! We are inviting parents to join and support us from 2.00pm on the school field (weather permitting). The times are as follows:

- 2.00-2.20pm- Nursery and Reception parents
- 2.30-2.50pm- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 parents
- 3.00-3.25pm- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents



Dismissal times will be as normal to ensure the safety of all children and to allow the afternoon to run as smoothly as possible.

You can sponsor your child using the sponsor sheet your child will bring home. All funds raised will be donated to Caritas as part of our Advent fundraising.