



ST. MARK'S R.C PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents/carers,

This week has been jam-packed with lots of dancing and singing practices ahead of next week's dance festival! Our Key Stage 2 children and staff have been so busy preparing their dances, gathering together costumes and adding the finishing touches to their routines, whilst still working super hard in class! We sure know how to keep busy at St Mark's! A reminder to send in any items of clothing that teachers may have requested on Monday. If there are any issues, please speak to a member of staff. As part of Interfaith week, our Year 3 and 4 children had an interactive Zoom lesson with a Rabbi on Tuesday and learned all about Judaism and what it's like to be Jewish. All of the other children have been busy finding out about different religions such as Hinduism, Islam and even Sikhism, and comparing those faiths to our own. Meanwhile our Year 6 children visited Wardley Hall on Tuesday for their 'Reflection Day'. They had a wonderful time exploring the grounds and the rain didn't stop them from embracing the outdoors whilst they reflected on some of their favourite memories of St Mark's.

This Tuesday, it was Year 4 and Year 5's turn to attend the athletics competition at Cleavley's track in Eccles. Slightly different weather conditions to last week's event, but the children did incredibly well and made us all so proud! It's so nice to see our pupils being fantastic sportsmen and women and representing our school to such a high standard! Well done children!

Additionally, some of our Year 6 children visited Swinton and Moorside Cricket Club on Wednesday to take part in a cricket tournament. They won every game they competed in and are now through to the finals! What an incredible achievement!

Year 5 visited St Ambrose Barlow this week for the Maths Roadshow. They were challenged with solving different types of mathematical problems and applying lots of the maths skills they have been learning in class. Miss Megson said that the children were so well behaved and made a fantastic first impression at the high school! Year 5 also had a visit from the police this week. Luckily, they weren't in trouble! The police offered to visit some of our children to share some of the brilliant work they do for our community. Year 5 gained a lot from this session and even had the chance to sit in the police van.

On Saturday, 16 of our wonderful Year 3 children will receive Communion for the first time at St Mark's Church. They have been preparing for this Sacrament for a long time now and we are so excited to share this special and significant time with them. Please join us in wishing them a very happy and holy First Communion.

We have also sent out details regarding our annual Swintonbury festival which will take place on Thursday 17th July! Please make sure you read the information that has been emailed as we don't want you to miss any key details. We are very excited for this year's event, it's going to be one to remember! Thank you for your chocolate donations over the last 2 weeks for our chocolate tombola and keep your eyes peeled on the school yard for our circus stalls and box office!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Woodruff

Class	Attendance this week
N	93%
R	91%
Y1	96.9%
Y2	88.3%
Y3	96.3%
Y4	92.7%
Y5	94.7%
Y6	95.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.6%



Important Dates for next week.

- Monday 30th June- All children in Key Stage 2 to wear their P.E kits and have their pumps with them. We will be having a rehearsal for our dance festival.
- Tuesday 1st July- All children in Key Stage 2 to wear their P.E kits and have their pumps with them. We will be having our dress rehearsal in the morning. Please make sure that any items that have been requested to be brought in from home are in school by this day. Please let staff know if there are any issues.
- Wednesday 2nd July- 5.30pm- all children in Key Stage 2 to return to school to get ready for their dances.
- 6.00pm- Dance Festival for children in Key Stage 2- Please make sure you have your tickets with you.
- Thursday 3rd July- 5.30pm- all children in Key Stage 2 to return to school to get ready for their dances.
- 6.00pm- Dance Festival for children in Key Stage 2- Please make sure you have your tickets with you.
- Friday 4th July- Own clothes day for Year 1 for the highest attendance this week!

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