



Peace, Trust and Fellowship

Term 1 2019/2020,

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to St Mark's! We hope you've had a wonderful summer and are as excited as us about the new school year. Staff are looking forward to their first week with your children and have lots of exciting learning planned. There are a number of important notices listed below; please come in and ask any questions you still have.

Website

We told you about a new school website in our last letter. We expect it to 'go live' on Monday 9th September. Details will be sent out on the day along with information on how to download the notification app that accompanies the site. Although we feel that the app and website will immediately make it easier to communicate important information, we will still be using our texting and e-mail service. When we are satisfied that the app works for everyone we will consider whether they are necessary in the future.

Year 3 Dinners

A reminder that, as your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3 they may not be entitled to free school lunches. Dinner prices are now at £2.25. Please speak with the office staff or class teachers if you are unsure of your entitlement. It is helpful if dinner money comes into school in a named envelope with details of payment.

Kent Test Dates

Those children in Year 6 taking their Kent Test will do so on Thursday 12th of September (here in the school hall at St Mark's). The children should be finished by the end of the normal school day. In the coming days they will have time with teaching staff to find out all they need to know about the day in order to help them feel settled and confident. As ever, if you have any questions please approach the class teacher or headteacher.

Breaktime Snacks

We have always valued our Year 6-managed healthy tuck stall at breaktime. It is to continue this year but Year 6 are waiting for the order they completed at the end of the last school year. They expect us to be able to open up the breaktime stall within the fortnight. Please look out for their letters our texts.

Fruit to Suit, the company that support the stall, have asked us to let parents and children know that their products are processed where PEANUTS, NUTS, SESAME SEEDS, GLUTEN, MILK, SOYA, SULPHITES, EGG, CELERY AND MUSTARD are also handled.

Dates:

September

Wednesday 25th KM photos for foundation stage pupils (am).

Friday 27th Macmillan coffee morning (letter to follow).

October

Tuesday 1st Harvest Service and coffee morning (letter to follow).

Friday 18th Individual pupil photographs.

Last day of Term 1.

Monday 28th Term 2 begins.

Tuesday 29th Consultation evening.

Thursday 31st Consultation evening.

(December Christmas dates to be confirmed as we arrange events with our Trust partner schools).