

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

What another fantastic week of learning in school this week! The children have enjoyed learning all about the importance of the Easter weekend. They have been focusing on the real meaning of Easter and why it is such an important festival for Christians to celebrate.

The children in Little Lions' have been learning all about Easter, they have even been on their own Easter Egg hunt in the setting. They had lots of fun searching high and low for Easter treats. The children in Reception have been having a big focus on their writing; learning to form letters correctly and use their phonic knowledge. The children in Years 1 and 2 have been getting mucky in Art this week, using slip to join clay when creating their own tiles. Children in lower Key Stage 2 have produced some fantastic Art work this week, building on their prior learning of weaving. Year 5 and 6 have been having a focus on skimming and scanning in reading.

Over the last few weeks, the children in Year 2 have been working alongside our friends from St Mark's Church to take part in 'Prayer Space' worships. Year 2 were encouraged to draw and write about their dreams for the future and reminded that in Jeremiah 29:11 we hear God say, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We can achieve great things if we trust in God. The children have really valued this time to think and reflect on important concepts.

This week, Rev Joe delivered over 90 Easter hampers to St Mark's School as part of Church Wigan's Easter food mission to bless our local families! Children's names were drawn out a hat to see who would receive the hamper. A huge thank you to all of the support from Wigan Church this term.

On Wednesday, the staff took part in training across the Trust on 'working memory'. All staff engaged really well and came away with lots of different strategies to use in the classroom. We look forward to implementing these after the half term break.

Over the half term break, it is still vitally important that you report to school if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the holidays. School will be closed and you will be unable to contact us by telephone. If you need to report a case, please email the school's covid email line on [stmccovid@thewings.org.uk](mailto:stmccovid@thewings.org.uk) and I will call you to discuss your child's case further.

*Summer  
term 1  
Dates for  
your diary.*

DATE	TIME	CLASS	EVENT
W.C Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		All	After school Tutor groups begin
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April			Music lessons commencement
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	AM	Year 3	Year 3 swimming commencement
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		All	Bank holiday
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		All	School closed for polling day – remote learning
W.C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May		All	Sports week ( parents unable to attend)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm	Y1 + Y2	CFL Afternoon – via zoom
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm	Y3 + Y4	CFL Afternoon – via zoom
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm	Y5 + Y6	CFL Afternoon – via zoom
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm	Rec	CFL Afternoon – via zoom
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		All	Whole school sports celebration awards
<b>WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 28TH MAY – TERM STARTS AGAIN ON MONDAY 7TH JUNE</b>			

A reminder that school finishes for Easter today. We are already looking forward to welcoming the children and their families back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a fantastic Easter with your loved one. As always, take care and stay safe, Mrs K A Ferguson

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