

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



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well what a fantastic Half Term we had had at school! I cannot believe another half term has gone by so quickly. The children have been fantastic, engaging well in lessons and showing a positive attitude to their learning. The children have also been working really hard on their personal, social and emotional focus this term of respect. We have had many conversations with the children about what respect looks like: how do children show respect; how do adults show respect and what is mutual respect. The children have been brilliant and have been making an extra effort to show beautiful manners and respect to one another and all members of our school family. A huge well done to all of our children!

Throughout the week, all children across school from Nursery to Year 6, have been reading the story 'The New Neighbours.' They have all had a different English writing outcome linked to the story. I have been shown some absolutely amazing pieces of work and I am so proud of the effort they have put in.

The children in Little Lions' have been exploring the natural environment. They have been practising colour mixing and painting. This week they have also introduced their new wellbeing song, 'Things that make you go mmmmm.' Reception have been working on writing captions and simple sentences using their phonic knowledge. They have been writing independently in provision and we have been really impressed with their effort and outcomes. The children have been really excited to explore the school book of the week. Year 1 have been working really hard on split digraphs in their phonics and complete the 'split digraph challenge'. The children in year two have been looking at word classes in their Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons. It was lovely to hear them discussing the differences between nouns, verbs and adjectives. Years 3 and 4 have become historians this week and have been learning all about the Battle of Hastings. They have been debating what caused the war and the impact that it had on daily life. Children in Upper KS2 have been exploring content, mood, process and form in Art this week. They have been really excited to create their own Mayan pots using the coiling technique.

This week, all of the Early Years team attended a local authority meeting regarding the changes to the Early Years curriculum. Staff found the sessions incredibly informative, and look forward to implementing the new programmes of study next year.

For those families with a children joining the Reception cohort in September 2021, don't forget the virtual new intake meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. You will have received a letter in the post outlining the log in details for the meeting. If you have any questions regarding this, or require any further information, please contact the school office.

As always, have a lovely break,  
Mrs K A Ferguson

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM on Friday 28th May – TERM STARTS again on Monday 7th June			
Tuesday 8th June – 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	Year 6	Year 6 start swimming every Tuesday for 6 weeks
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm and 6pm	New Reception	Reception new Intake meeting via zoom
W.C 28 <sup>th</sup> June		All	Assessment Week
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	LL + Reception	Sports Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Y1 + Y2	Sports Day
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Y3 + Y4	Sports Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	All Day	Y5 + Y6	Sports Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All Day	All	Sports Day Awards celebration via zoom
W.C Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		All	Progress Meeting Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	New Reception	INSPIRE Session 1
W.C Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Y1 + Y2	Phonics screening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	New Reception	INSPIRE Session 2
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6	Leavers treat and Graduation RECORDED
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	Nursery	Little Lions Graduation RECORDED
		Whole School	Reports go Home
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		KS1	Moving up Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July		KS2	Moving up Day
	PM	New Reception	INSPIRE session 3
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	PM	Whole School	Virtual Prize Day
<b>TERM ENDS Thursday 22nd July between 1pm and 1.30pm – RETURN ON Monday 6th September</b>			

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