



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Ensuring high attendance rates is crucial for the success and well-being of children, as well as the overall effectiveness of a school. However, achieving this goal requires a partnership approach that involves collaboration among school staff, children and families. Letters will be going out shortly to families where attendance has already dipped. If you are struggling to get your child to school please let the office know.

**Wishing you a lovely weekend - Ms Braithwaite**

## **We are a nut free school.**

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. We **cannot** have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Peanut butter cakes, macarons, satay and other sauces that contain nuts and seeds.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

## **Please Come Along to A Class Assembly**

Next Tuesday, our lovely Y6 children will be kicking off the new academic year with an amazing assembly about their learning. Class assemblies are an opportunity for you to find out what your child is learning whilst seeing lots of confident children sharing exciting facts, singing beautifully and acting superbly. Class assemblies are always a joy to watch. The cycle will continue every week with Y4 on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. It really means a lot to the children to have someone from their family attend so please try and come along.

## **Property Left at Your Own Risk**

As a healthy school we actively encourage children to come to school on their bikes and scooters. These may be left on site during the school day but the school is not responsible for them during this time.

Please also ensure uniform is labelled as this is also an item that the school is not responsible for if lost or damaged.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale today. Whether you baked, faked or simply just purchased, your contribution is very much appreciated. We will confirm the total amount raised in our next newsletter.

## **Reading**

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading on a very regular basis i.e. every day preferably but at the very least four times a week for every child across the school. We want children to immerse themselves in the enjoyment of reading and to develop a love of books and a variety of authors. This also helps develop their spoken language and written work. Families struggling to get books or simply for advice about appropriate texts should speak to Miss Godden.

*Psalm 119 Vs 105: Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*