



# St. Mark's CE Primary School

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Message from Mrs Sadler

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back this week and to catch up with so many parents and relatives on the gate! A very warm welcome to all our new families! As the weeks go on, more and more key dates will be added to this newsletter, along with celebrations of children's achievements, when our Praise assemblies begin again next week.

Keep a very close eye on Class Dojo too. Over the next few days, you will see information about after-school clubs for children, as well some parent classes which are all being funded by Stoke-on-Trent College. We don't want you to miss out on booking your places!

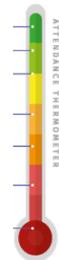
Today, on Page 2 of this newsletter, we have shared some important reminders about attendance. Good attendance at school is vital. There have been some changes recently to the rules and to the fines issued to parents for taking their children out of school in term time.

Mrs Sadler

#### Attendance

We are looking for our whole school attendance to be 96% or better.

We look forward to seeing some super attendance this year!



#### Breakfast Club

We are now offering breakfast club from 8am each morning, at a cost of £2 per session, including food and childcare.

This will need to be booked and paid for in advance, by 3pm the day before you require a place.

Bookings and payments can be made on your ParentPay account.

#### Birthdays this week and over the holidays:

Fatima (5) Sharya (6) Elif-Ahsen (9) Huma (5) Hana (6) Gunkeerat (5) Arfeen (6) Mariama (6) Dean (4) Muhammad (6) Mohamed (7) Nikolas (8) Fez (8) Adam (4) Muhammad (4) Javeria (7) Aliza (9) Laiba (9) Rene (9) Abdallah (5) Mustafa (5) Hera (7) Amaya (9) Abdul (8) Mohammed (8) Lubna (4) Hala (4) Anabia (6) Ayat (8) Isah (7) Adlan (6) Ayah (9) Izzah (10) Mohid (10) Hannah Noor (5) Abby (7) Patricia (7) Mruska (10) Mohamed (9) Soma (8) Safiyyah (8) Melody (8) Dawud (6) Yahya (6) Zain (7) Araaf (7) Zaynah (9) Nassir (10) Salimata (11) Mariam (11)  
Mrs Webb Mrs Elsby Mrs Davies Mrs Koripilli Mrs Ditta Mrs Khan Mrs Smith Mrs Saddiq Mrs Callear Miss Akhtar Mrs Colclough Mrs Begum Mrs Khan

#### Diary Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Yr 4 Visit from the Unconventional Menagerie.

# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160



4 children & 2 parents =  
**£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000