



St Mark's C.E. Junior School

Reaching in, Reaching up, Reaching out

NEWSLETTER 9 (NL9)

Thursday 26th January 2017

Important Dates for T3/4

February

Wednesday 1 st	Y4 visit Dorchester Museum (Fir + ½ Elm)
Thursday 2 nd	Friends Meeting 7.00 pm Hub 3
Monday 6 th	Y5 visit Living Rainforest
Tuesday 7 th	Y4 visit Dorchester Museum (Holly + ½ Elm)
Friday 10 th	Y6 visit Swindon Steam Museum
	Crazy hair day (Friends) - £1 voluntary contribution
	T3 Ends – Half term - holiday begins
Monday 20 th	T4 Starts
Friday 24 th	Quiz for grown-ups – 8.00 pm in the hall (Friends)

March

Thursday 9 th	Disco (Friends) – details tbc
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day – details tbc
	Mothers' Day gifts (Friends) – details tbc

April

Wednesday 5 th	Report #2 Home to parents
	Easter Service – please note this is a change from previous planners at the request of St Francis Church. This will only affect Y5 parents who are cordially invited to attend.
Friday 7 th	T4 Ends – Easter Holidays

Payments for ASK, school dinners, Osmington Bay

We are still chasing payments for a variety of activities, trips and school dinners. My goodwill in offering services and charging 'after the event' has been stretched considerably recently. Please settle any outstanding balances as soon as possible as it is unfair on the school and will affect future opportunities if debts are not settled. Many parents are embarrassed reluctant to engage as time passes. Your assistance in this is essential and appreciated. If you think you may have outstanding debts please check with the school office at your earliest convenience.

Back gate

Please note that the back gate will be closed at 9.00 am and 3.45 pm daily. Please be vigilant so you are not caught out.

School Website www.st-marks.wilts.sch.uk

Have you seen our new website? We have tried to keep it simple and navigable. The best place to find most information is in Our School - Parents' Resources. We hope you like the new fresher look and find it useful. We aim to use the Blogs section to send out updates, new information and, of course, to share what the children are up to in their learning. If you have a Wordpress account you can follow the site and get new blog posts automatically sent to you. As always, we welcome your thoughts - please use the contact page to submit a form and let us know what you think. Many thanks to Ali Bailey and Mr Williams for all their hard work on designing and building the site.

UK Men's Sheds Association <http://menssheds.org.uk/>

If you think you might be interested in joining, or helping to set up a Salisbury branch, please let me know by the end of January and we can pursue it further together. Please email me your contact details to head@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk

Free football clarification from NL8

Please note that the free sessions are only for children living on Bemerton Heath. There are also free sessions on the Friary. The project is grant funded and only covers these two areas of the city. Debbie Sayers, Club Secretary and Welfare Officer, Salisbury Rovers FC www.salisburyroversfc.co.uk

Friends of St Mark's (PTA)

On the calendar for T5/6 we have the St Mark's Camp Out on **Saturday 10th June** (bring your own tent and camp overnight whilst enjoying an evening of entertainment) and Happy's Circus will be visiting on **Friday 14th July!** Finally, a big 'thank you!' once again to everyone who helps out at any time. We literally CANNOT do it without your help. Every cupcake, ticket sale, hour given is of massive benefit and if everyone can help a little... no job becomes too big! Please do join us at our meetings, even just to share your ideas. The more the merrier and there's always cake! Please like and join our Facebook page "**The Friends of St Mark's**", where there are updates of activities and someone is always able to answer your questions. Contact information can also be found via the St Mark's School website under the parents tab with a run-down of some of our events. Here's to a fun and successful 2017! Cheers!

The next Friends meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd February** at 7.00 pm in Hub 3, please come and join us. Do let us know if you are planning to attend via our Facebook page or by emailing friends@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk so we know just how much cake to bake! Thank you, The Friends of St Mark's.

PE Kit – Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant day that they have PE lessons. Also, ensure that their PE kit is complete with the appropriate clothing and footwear – they need to be suitably dressed for the weather.

Getting the best from everyone, by everyone giving their best