



# Newsletter 16

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## January 2020

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Parking/Turning Circle Meeting – all are welcome 7.30 pm in the Training Room

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

FoSM Quiz for parents (see below) 7.30 pm in the school hall

## February

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

[500 Words](#) Competition (all week)

[Safer Internet](#) Week

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

T2 Ends

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

TD#4 – no children in school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

T4 Starts – children back to school

## Message from Norma

I'm pleased to confirm the upcoming **Time Out for Parents**: Children with Special Needs Groups for January to March 2020. These groups are for parents and carers of children aged 3 – 11 years with additional/special needs. A medical diagnosis is not required for a parent or carer to attend and the groups are free of charge. These groups are being offered in partnership with the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council.

Greentrees Primary School (Infants)      Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020      9.30am – 11.30am

City Hall      Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020      10.00am – 12.00pm

Evergreen Court, Amesbury      Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020      10.00am – 12.00pm

Parents and carers can refer themselves by ringing Claire Turner on 07767 230 082 or by completing a referral form available from Norma. Places on all groups are allocated by date order of the date a referral is received. Please be aware that waiting lists exist for some areas and places are offered from those lists first. Should all spaces be filled the parent or carer referred will go on the waiting list for the next group and contacted when the next group is confirmed. Contact Norma, your Parent Support Adviser, [n.hallett@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:n.hallett@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk) or 07873 427658" for more details.

## Friends of St Mark's (FOSM) News

**Quiz Night** - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm

Come and test your grey matter at this year's FoSM quiz with our very own Norma as quizmaster.

Teams of up to 8 are welcome and the quiz is open to all adults (sorry no children). Don't worry if you don't have a full team, just let us know (via your class rep or Norma) and we'll match you up! Entries are £2 per person and at least one raffle donation per team. Bring your own drink and snacks. There will also be an opportunity to order pizza when you arrive to be delivered in the break.

**Crazy day** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Children are invited to wear something crazy to school in exchange for £1; this can be mismatched crazy clothes, nail polish, crazy hair or a combination of them.

## Packed Lunches/School Dinners

We are experiencing an increase in the number of children ordering a school dinner first thing in the morning who later discover, usually at lunchtime, that they have a home produced packed lunch in their bag. By then it is too late to cancel the order and whether eaten or not, **this must be paid for by you, the parent**. We would ask, therefore, that you confirm with your child before they come to school what their dinner arrangement is for the day in the hope that these mistakenly ordered meals can be eliminated. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

## PSHE at St. Mark's

St. Mark's have adopted a new PSHE scheme of work called JIGSAW, which has been implemented since the start of T3. The decision was made to update our current programme of study due to new requirements implemented by the government, which must be incorporated into a school's curriculum from Sept 2020. Our website has been updated showing the yearly overview of what the children will be taught in each unit in each year group. We have started T3 with 'Dreams and Goals'. If you have any questions regarding any of the topics, please speak to the class teacher when the topic is due to be taught, or speak to our PSHE subject leader, Mrs Hortop. As always, there will be a Sex and Relationships meeting in T5 (just before the children are taught SRE in T6) where you will be able to view lesson plans in more detail or ask Mrs Hortop any questions relating to the topics taught.

## Parking Meeting

I will be hosting a meeting about parking/turning circle on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to join.