



Newsletter 14

Friday 20th December 2019

December

Friday 20th End of Term Assembly
T2 Ends

January

Monday 6th TD (Training Day) #6 – no children in school
Tuesday 7th T3 starts – children back to school
Y6 trip to Bovington Tank Museum
Friday 31st FoSM Quiz for parents – more details in due course

February

Monday 10th [500 Words](#) Competition (all week)
[Safer Internet](#) Week
Friday 14th T2 Ends
Monday 24th TD#4 – no children in school
Tuesday 25th T4 Starts – children back to school

Christmas Draw

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets, provided cakes or stayed to help serve at the event. We'll provide the figure raised for FOSM in the new year.

School Dinners

Please may we remind you that any dinner ordered in error, and not cancelled by 10.30 am that morning, **MUST** be paid for whether eaten or not. This also applies should your child become ill during the morning and have to go home.

Reminders

- Children need a coat in school everyday as they will be outside for break/lunch barring torrential rains
- PE/Games lessons with Mrs Herring (currently hockey) will always be outside barring flooding. Please make sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing to keep warm, dry and free to run
- PE/Games for T3 and T4 will be indoors (gymnastics/dance) so an indoor PE kit will be necessary (T-shirt/shorts)
- Chewing gum is not allowed in school under any circumstances

PE Sponsorships

On **Friday 17th January**, an athlete is visiting our school. High jumper, Robert Mitchell, will be spending the morning putting the children through their paces in a circuit-based workout. Your child has been given a sponsorship form to get some sponsors for the completing the workout with the athlete. Prizes will be given to children who raise certain amounts of money (details are on the sponsorship form) and a signed certificate from Team GB will be given to the class who raises the most. All funds will go towards helping young athletes in their careers as well as sports equipment for the school. Sponsorship forms and money are to be returned to school by Wednesday 8th January. We are all very excited about the event and appreciate your support in this.

Author and book buying opportunity

'A Wonder-Full Christmas' is a retelling of the Christmas story where you are invited to walk alongside the familiar nativity characters in their worry and wonder. Written in rhyme for children aged four - eight, the story has been brought to life with beautiful watercolour illustrations. Together, the words and images excite children and remind adults of the wonder of the nativity story we tell each year. Author, Gemma Hellawell, will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 18th**

December to share the story with Wyndham Park and St Mark's children. If you would like a copy of the book, you can purchase it via Etsy: www.booksbygemma.etsy.com and can get 15% off with the code SALIS15 or via Amazon: www.tinyurl.com/yy6qfs63

Head Lice

Please be aware we have been notified of a few cases of head lice recently. Do please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary. Please look at the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> for the latest advice.

Message from Norma

"A Triple P Positive Parenting Workshop will be starting on Thursday 16th January, 9.15 - 11.15am in The Training Room at St Mark's C of E Junior School. There are four weekly sessions on a Thursday morning (16th, 23rd & 30th January and 6th February). It's fun, free and includes coffee and biscuits so why not join us? Please make sure you are able to attend all four sessions before reserving your place! If you are interested contact Norma, your Parent Support Adviser, as soon as possible via The Shop, n.hallett@st-marks.wilts.sch.uk or 07873 427658."

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I trust you have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday – a chance to relax and renew the batteries before T3. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**. Happy holidays and many thanks for your support again this term.