



# Newsletter 17

Friday 24<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> Crazy Day – fun fundraiser from the FOSM  
T2 Ends  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Training Day #4 TD#4) – no children in school  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> T4 Starts – children back to school

## 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. If all else fails treat it as a MUFTI day!

## Sensory Garden

One of the projects the FOSM has supported this year has been the creation of a sensory garden, just outside the Garden Room. This work is now complete and looks fantastic. I hope to prepare some photos in the coming weeks for parents to see the fruits of the wonderful fund raising efforts. Special mentions in despatches:

- FOSM committee members for backing the project, final ground works and helping us secure new trees on the school field
- Mrs Jane Holme for preparing the amazing designs
- Mrs Lambert for driving the project, securing additional funding and never giving up!
- Gaia Landscapes Team for the fantastic garden (special thanks to Mark and Emily Wilding-Witts for all your hard work and support)

We hope it will be well used and cherished by all for many years to come.

## 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.

## 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. Please be aware this an opportunity to share solution, discuss the positives/negatives and help shape a way forward. Please help yourselves to coffee/tea on arrival.

## Appeal for information

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January the main gates to the car park/turning circle were damaged. Sometime in the morning a large vehicle hit one of the main posts and shattered the attached gate. Given the size of the post and the impact required to move the post if it were a standard car it would have caused significant damage that may be more obvious. Some larger vehicles can cause damage without the driver always being aware. Currently we are temporarily using cones at the end of the day as the gates cannot be closed normally. If anyone witnessed the incident I would be grateful for any information as I may have to process an insurance claim. Thank you in anticipation.

## Praying Parents

They meet on a Monday from 9-9:30 am in Hub 3. They empty the prayer box and pray for the pupils, the staff and the school. This has been a long standing and positive group we would love to keep going. If you would like more information please contact the headteacher.