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Friday 7th February 2020

February

Monday 10th

[500 Words](#) Competition (all week)
[Safer Internet](#) Week

Friday 14th

Crazy Day – fun fundraiser from FOSM - £1 donation
Y6 parents invited in to see children's work from 2.15 pm
T2 Ends

Monday 24th

Training Day #4 TD#4) – no children in school

Tuesday 25th

T4 Starts – children back to school

Friday 28th

Charity sale as part of PSHE – see below for details 3.30 – 4.00 pm

March

Thursday 12th

Disco

Friday 20th

Mothers' day sale – more details to follow

Friday 27th

School photos (classes)

April

Wednesday 1st

Easter Service – led by Y5 at St Francis Church at 10.00 am

Thursday 2nd

MUFTI Day/Easter Egg Tombola – more details to follow

Friday 3rd

T4 Ends; Reports Home

Friends of St Mark's (FOSM) News

Crazy Day – Friday 14th February

Children are warmly 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!

Parent View

Our next parental survey is not due until May 2020. We have always included the standard questions OfSTED ask as part of their surveys using [Parent View](#). The questions have changed subtly (there are now 14). The survey asks parents to respond to 14 statements and questions. If you have a moment to complete the survey we would be most grateful.

Thank you for supporting the 2019 Trussell Trust Christmas Box Appeal

St Mark's was delighted to support the FSCI Christmas Box Appeal last term. Thank you to all those families who made the commitment of time and money to contribute a box. Thousands of children and families in institutions, kindergartens and schools in poor rural and urban areas, senior citizens homes, Roma communities, protected homes and refugee centres throughout Bulgaria received Christmas presents as a result of the generosity of those taking part in the appeal last year, with a total **9,985** boxes distributed. Teodora Koleva, Director of FSCI Bulgaria, is in no doubt about the importance of the project. "With the Christmas boxes, we show people who live on the periphery of society, often forgotten and overlooked, that we think of them and believe in them. At Christmas it is important to be good – with our loved ones and acquaintances, and even with people we do not know, with people who need support". In the UK hundreds of people gave their time to help sort and pack the boxes. Rich Parsons, the project leader, was amazed by the number of people who gave their time. "Our volunteers are amazing; we simply couldn't have delivered a successful appeal without them. We're so thankful to everyone who donated a box or gave their time to help out. We've had a fantastic response again from our supporters and their efforts have made a lot of children and families very happy." Thank you again for helping (our school) to be part of this – your donations brought joy to those who didn't have much to celebrate at all last Christmas time. You can see Christmas boxes being distributed [here](#) or go to YouTube and search "FSCI (UK) Christmas 2019".

PSHE charity sale

As part of this term's PSHE unit 'Dreams and Goals', the children have been considering the dreams and goals of others in the local area and the wider world. To help make a difference to others, the children have been designing and creating fantastic items to sell at our upcoming charity event in aid of Help for Heroes (chosen by Y6). This will be held on Friday 28th February between 3:30-4. We warmly welcome parents, carers, grandparents etc to come into classrooms to buy the wonderful things on offer. We look forward to seeing you! Mrs Hortop

Turning Circle

Many thanks to all the parents who have respected to reminders not to park in the drop-off zone – your honesty is a great example.

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of our favourite days of the year is on the horizon! World Book Day is going to be celebrated at St Mark's on Thursday 5th March 2020.

World Book Day Dress:

To mark such a special day, staff and children are being asked to come dressed as a single word. This is different to previous years where children have come as their favourite character from a book.

Children and staff will be dressed as a word and will use their costumes/vocabulary for some fun activities throughout the day.

This could be as simple as the word 'red, boy or dog' or you could try to push the envelope with vocabulary such as 'malevolent, contagious or iridescent'; the options are literally endless!

Attached are some examples of other children and teachers who have thumbed through the thesaurus for their outfits! We're all very excited to see the fantastic outfits and range of vocab on show! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to grab me and ask.

Mr Cook