

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Newsletter: Autumn 6

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Dear Parents

## Heating Upgrade Work

Our heating contractors, Bay Building, worked incredibly hard over the half term break to finish the upgrade work. The work was completed by the time the children returned to school this week. We are grateful for the speed and care with which they have worked to give us a warm school with little disruption. There are new radiators in half of the school and junctions in the newly installed pipework ready for Phase 2 of the work. In a few weeks the Governing Body will be submitting a bid for Phase 2 which we hope to have completed during the long break next summer. For now, we can go into the winter confident that all classrooms are warm, especially the Pre-School, Reception and Years 1 and 2 which are now almost tropical !

## Maintenance and other work

As well as the heating upgrade there were other contractors in school last week. An electrician has replaced the lighting in Year 5 as well as lights in a few other areas around school. The leaking roof light in the Key Stage 2 corridor has been fixed, with a substantial section of the flat roof being replaced. Grounds work has been started in the old pond area to the front of the school, which will be developed as a dedicated outside area for the Pre-School. Volunteers from the local charity Chestnut Events tidied the Hidden Haven garden area and re-laid the hedge section in preparation for the winter months. They have also trimmed the willow dome on the school field.

## Remembrance 2018: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War we would like each school family to make a poppy (or more than one) which we will display in school to form the number 100 from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The poppies will need to be roughly A5 size (half of A4) and can be made using any material, or mix of material e.g. card, paper, wool, fabric etc.

We will be marking the event with an assembly and act of collective worship in church at 9.15 a.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. It would be great if as many parents as possible could join us.



**Remembrance Day – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Poppies will be available in the school entrance hall / office from Monday 5 November. House Captains will be visiting each classroom daily to sell poppies. Children may bring in a small donation (suggestion 20p). Also available from the school office: wrist band (50p), reflector poppy (50p), snap band (£1.00), friendship bracelet (£1.00).

**The Poet Tree** Many children have contributed Autumn poems for the first season of the Poet Tree near the school library. Please stop to have a read when you are next passing. There is still room for more children's poetry. If any parents also feel inspired, we would happily display your poems alongside those of the children !

**Reminder: Lighting Up the Natland Night, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.00 p.m.** Please plan to join us for this fantastic village tradition, with or without a lantern. We meet at school for 6.00 p.m. and the event is usually finished by 7.30. The theme this year is 'Peace', linking to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November: have you signed up for an appointment?

## Family/Individual Photographs: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

All children will have an individual photograph taken and family photograph with brothers and sisters in school. Please ensure your child is wearing a jumper or cardigan in school colours. For family photographs with younger brothers and sisters, please come to the school hall from 8.45 a.m.

## Christmas Cards

Please return your order card and payment by Monday 5 November.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2018

Please fill your shoebox, decorate your shoebox and lid with Christmas wrapping paper and secure with an elastic band. Please return the filled shoe boxes by Wednesday 14 November.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr P Barfoot  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates (including Autumn Term Class Assemblies)

Tuesday 13 November	<b>Life Education Bus</b>	More information to follow
Wednesday 14 November	<b>Life Education Bus</b>	
Wednesday 14 November	<b>OPEN DAY and EVENING Reception Class September 2019</b>	Please contact the school office if you would like more details
Friday 16 November	<b>Year 3 Class Assembly Children in Need Fundraising MUFTI DAY</b>	9.10 a.m. School Hall Non-uniform day, donate £1.00 and wear your choice of (spotty) clothes.
Saturday 24 November	<b>PTA Table Top Sale</b>	10.00-12.00 School Hall
Monday 26 November - Thursday 29 November	<b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>	Look out for more details
Thursday 29 November	<b>Year 1 Class Assembly</b>	3.00 p.m. School Hall
Friday 30 November	<b>Year 6 Class Assembly Bag2School collection</b>	9.10 a.m. School Hall All bags to school hall before 9.00 a.m.
Friday 7 December	<b>Year 2 Class Assembly PTA Christmas Fair MUFTI DAY</b>	9.10 a.m. School Hall Non-uniform day. Please donate a prize for PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 13 December	<b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>	5.00 – 7.00 p.m.
Friday 14 December	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</b>	9.10 a.m. School Hall
Monday 17 December	<b>Christmas Celebration</b>	St. Mark's Church 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 19 December	<b>School Christmas Lunch</b>	
Thursday 20 December	<b>'Peter Pan' – whole school theatre visit</b>	10.00 a.m. The Dukes Lancaster
Friday 21 December	<b>Christmas Parties Carols Around the Tree School Finishes</b>	morning 12.45 p.m. 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 8 January	<b>SPRING TERM 2019 begins</b>	9.00 a.m.

