

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful half term break for everyone.

## Book Week 2019: 'Poetry'

This year's Book Week will be poetry themed. We are taking a break from the Golden Lion Book Award and focussing instead on individual poems. Each class will work on three or four poems linked to their current topic. The children will use these to inspire their own poetry writing during the week, celebrated in readings and performances on the Friday afternoon.

- **Poetry Competition** Hopefully many of your children are busy learning poems from the anthologies sent out before half term. The competition will run as follows:
  - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Round 1 will be held in classes with three performances chosen by the class teacher in each class to go forward to Round 2.
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Round 2 will be held in the hall in two sessions:
    - 1.15 – 2.15 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
    - 2.30 – 3.20 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6The three performances from each year group will be judged by a panel of invited guests who will award a prize for the best in each class. ***Parents are welcome to join us for these Round 2 events.***
- **Dressing Up Day:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is **World Book Day** and we will be joining with thousands of children around the world dressing up as favourite characters from children's books. In keeping with this year's theme, it would be great if as many children as possible could dress up as *characters from children's poems or nursery rhymes*. However, don't let this limit you, children can still use books as their inspiration. I know that some families have already been working on their costumes !

## School Uniform and PE Kits

Can I remind everyone that all children are expected to wear the school uniform every day, which includes black school shoes and plain black, grey or white socks.

Please can all parents ensure that their children have a full PE kit in school at all times. This includes a pair of pumps (trainers for KS 2) and something warm for outside sessions (track suit or sweatshirt).

## School Dinner Money and MOSAICS Fees

Our financial year-end is approaching (w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March) and we request that any outstanding school meals money and MOSAICS fees are paid by this date prior to our accounts being forwarded to the Cumbria County Council finance team. Both sets of fees and charges are updated weekly on School Money, please log on and arrange payment if this is your usual method. Cheque / cash payments can be made at the school office, where any relevant enquiries should be made. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot  
Headteacher

