

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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## Newsletter 5 Summer 2018

Dear Parents

### Year 6 and Year 4 Staffing Update

Mr Fonth will be leaving the staff team at the end of the Summer term. The Governing Body has decided that next year the Year 6 class will be taught by Mrs Hardy and Mrs Millington. Mrs Hardy will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Millington on Thursdays and Fridays. This pairing has worked very successfully in the past and more recently in the 5 weeks up to, and including, the SATs week this year.

In the next two weeks we will be appointing a teacher to take on the job partnership with Mrs Burrow. By the end of the term we hope to be able to tell you and the children who will be teaching in Year 4 next year.

### Saying Well Done and Goodbye !

Mrs Keech has worked at St Mark's for 8 years. In that time she has had a variety of roles supporting children and classes across the school. She has also been working hard for a degree and this week heard that she had been awarded a First. We want to say congratulations and well done on an amazing achievement. Studying at this level while working full time is a real challenge. It has long been Mrs Keech's ambition to become a class teacher and she has been accepted on the School Direct PGCE teacher training course run by the Kendal schools in partnership with the University of Cumbria. For this reason, she will be leaving the staff team at St Mark's at the end of the Summer term. It will be very sad to see her leave, but I am sure you would join us in wishing her every success in the coming year.

Donations towards a leaving gift for Mr Fonth or Mrs Keech can be left at the school office.

### School Uniform

Please order school uniform for Autumn 2018 at the school office.

### Music Tuition

If your child is currently in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 and is interested in learning a musical instrument in September please call at the school office for more information as soon as possible.

## School Money Payments

It would be appreciated if between now and end of term parents could clear any outstanding payments on School Money. If you have problems accessing School Money or would prefer to pay to cash, cheque or BACS please contact the school office

## Summer Fair; Thank you !

Well done and thank you to everyone who helped to make the Summer Fair such a great success (the weather played its part as well !). We raised a fantastic £1465. This will go towards the playground development fund.

## Playground Development

We have plans drawn up for significant developments in the playground and grounds in the coming year. One of the first projects has been to provide better storage for all the outside PE, sports and play equipment for both school and MOSAICS. We have had a new flag-stoned surface formed on one corner of the playground for this purpose. Eventually there will be three green storage units in place, giving us more ready access to the equipment.

## Pre-School @ St Mark's

The first week of hosting the Natland and Oxenholme Pre-School on site at St Mark's has gone very well. There are a few practical issues still to sort out, but both School and Pre-School staff are very happy with how well the transition has worked.

Yours sincerely,

P. Barfoot  
Headteacher

