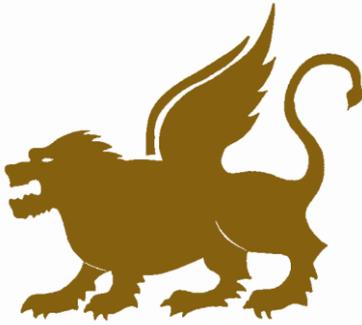


# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



Newsletter 1: Summer 2016  
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Dear Parents

I trust that you all had a refreshing and enjoyable Easter break. We are now starting the long Summer term. There is a lot planned for the coming weeks and hopefully the longer days and kinder weather will allow us to fit everything in !

## **Curriculum Enrichment Week: the Labyrinth**

This week we welcome the 8 trainee teachers on the School Direct PGCE programme running in partnership between the Queen Katherine Teaching School Alliance and the University of Cumbria. Working with Reception up to Year 5 they will be teaching whole classes and mixed age groups lessons and activities based on the theme of **the Labyrinth**. The Labyrinth is an ancient design found all over the world, a symbol of life and experience as a journey. We hope to link together work in Maths, Literacy, Science, Geography, Music, Art, PE as well as our collective worship times during the week.

***There will be a sharing assembly at the end of the week, 2.45 p.m. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April to which all parents are invited.***

## **End of Key Stage Assessments: Year 2 and Year 6**

The tests and activities associated with national assessment at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 take place this term. A meeting will be arranged for parents of children in Year 2 to explain how the assessments will be organised. ***It is important to remind all parents of the huge changes this year in expectations, test structure and the way in which results will be reported.*** Information leaflet attached for parents of children in Years 2 and 6.

## **School Website**

Recently we have been working with our designer on a completely new school website. It is almost ready to go live and will hopefully be a more informative, interactive and useful resource for everyone connected with St Mark's. More details to follow next week.

## Building Work: New Classroom and Classroom Alterations Summer 2016

Following the local planning process, we have received notice that building work will commence on classroom alterations and the provision of a new classroom over the Summer months. With the new housing developments in the locality we expect the number of children in school to grow gradually in the next 5 years. Cumbria County Council is funding the cost of the new classroom together with a donation from the developers. In order to provide 7 classrooms each large enough to accommodate classes of up to 30 children we have also secured funding to alter the layout of the Reception Class and current Year 6 classrooms. Plans for this work will be on display in the entrance hall over the coming week. Please take time to have a look and make any comments you may want to make.

## School Dinner Money

Reminder the cost of a school dinner is now £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

We still have dinner money and MOSAICS fees owing for January and February and it would be appreciated if this could be paid as soon as possible. March invoices will be sent home later this week.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot  
Headteacher

**Natland and Oxenholme Pre School are holding a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 p.m. at the Village Hall Natland.** £1 entry fee to include a drink and biscuit. If you have any jumble to donate please bring to the Village Hall on the mornings of Friday 15<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April between 9.00 and 12.00.