

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

## **OPEN EVENING: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

This year's Open Evening will be held between 6.30-7.30 p.m. on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an opportunity to look at work in your child's class and throughout the whole school. This is also an opportunity to visit our garden in the Hidden Haven. From 7.00 p.m. some of our musicians will be performing in the hall.

Please come along and celebrate the work of the school. The school office will be open during the evening if you wish to order uniform, return report slips, pay invoices or make arrangements for school lunches, music tuition, MOSAICS bookings etc. for September.

***If any parent requires a formal meeting to discuss their child's report with a class teacher on a separate occasion, please contact the school office to make a separate appointment.***

## **END OF TERM: 1.00 p.m. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Please join us for the Leavers' Service at 10.00 a.m. in the church. Lunch will be served as normal and the bus has been asked to pick up at 1.00 p.m. MOSAICS will be running After School Club from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. – please book through MOSAICS or at the School Office.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

At this time of year we often have changes of staff as people move on to different roles. This year we will be saying a huge thank you and goodbye to:

- Mrs Wheeler, who is taking up a part-time class teaching post at Chetwynde School.
- Mrs Hannah, who is finishing her time as a member of the Mid-day Supervisory team. We welcome Mrs Hine to our Mid-day Supervisory team.
- Sarah Gillard, who has decided to cease her work as MOSAICS manager as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her and the family all the best at this exciting time. Gillian Forshaw, currently on the play leader team, has been appointed as the new manager of MOSAICS.
- Mr Mason who finishes his cover work in Year 6 at the end of the term.

## **SPORTS DAY**

Congratulations to the Harriers who won Sports Day last week for the first time in many years. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day after all that wet weather !

## SUMMER PRODUCTIONS

Congratulations to everyone who took part in and helped with putting on our two summer productions, 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' and 'Shakespeare on Trial'. Both were hugely entertaining and brilliantly performed. It is always exciting to have this opportunity to discover talents that have been hidden ! A huge thank you to Adrian Thiedeman for providing the lights and sound system for 'Shakespeare on Trial'.

## PTA SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and those who came to support the Summer Fair last week. We raised over £1,600 which is an amazing achievement for a school our size.

## 100 MILE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those children who have completed the 100 mile since January and to all the children who have taken part. We notice at Sports Day an improvement in fitness across the school. Thank you to Mrs Paxton for organising this and laying down the challenge. Please find with this letter Change4Life 'Shake Up Your Summer' resources to inspire everyone to get active over the whole summer.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have various items of lost property, mostly school jumpers/cardigans. Please check and if you can use it, please take it. Items not claimed by the end of term will be disposed of or sent to charity.

## BUILDING WORK

The original external drains dating back to 1967 are long overdue some attention ! These will be replaced as part of a Diocesan funded project during the Summer break. This will include the re-surfacing of the Reception Class outside area.

## AUTUMN TERM

The Autumn term starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00. We are looking forward to welcoming 27 children in the new Reception Class along with a number of new children joining other classes. St Mark's is growing !

May I wish everyone a restful and refreshing summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot  
Headteacher

