St. Mark's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Term Dates
To bring St Mark's in line with most of the other schools in Kendal we are planning to alter the term dates for the Autumn term 2017.
We will now start on **Wednesday 6th September** and finish on **Tuesday 19th December 2017**.
This is to provide:

- a full week for the final week of the Summer break
- a shared day for a joint Kendal staff training day at the start of term
- a shorter gap between the end of school and Christmas Day in December

I trust that this does not cause any problems for any families. If it does, please arrange to meet to discuss your particular circumstances.

Sporting Success
This has been a very busy term for sporting activities, learning new skills, improving personal fitness and performance and competing in local competitions. Please read the April *Sports Report* accompanying this newsletter. Our thanks go to Mrs Paxton for the energy, enthusiasm and hard work she gives to developing sport across the school.

Staffing Update
We wish Mrs Chapman every success as she leaves St Mark's to start her new business.

MOSAICS Update
For the last few years MOSAICS has been run as an independent childcare provider registered with Ofsted separately from the school. It has been run by a management committee made up of staff and parents. From the end of April it has been agreed that the Governing Body of St Mark's will take on responsibility for the activities of MOSAICS, including the employment of the staff.
You should not notice any changes to the day to day operation of this successful provision of before and after school care.

May I wish you and families a very Happy Easter and a refreshing break. Thank you for your continued support throughout this term.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot
Headteacher