



ST MARKS PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

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- The end of Term 1 is here already, we hope the children all have a lovely Half Term Break and we look forward to an exciting Term 2.
- Its been lovely to get to know all our new friends and welcome back our old friends too and to see them settle within our Pre-School.
- Hopefully you will have logged into Tapestry now and seen what lovely things we have all been doing over the last 7 weeks.

Front Door



A reminder to all parents to ensure that the front door is closed as you leave. In the winter months the front door does tend to stick a little. Please help us to keep all our pre-school children safe

Halloween



As Pre-School is open on 31st October We respectfully request that any children wishing to wear costumes are not of a design that could frighten our other children, no masks are to be worn and nothing bloody or gorey, any child wearing inappropriate clothing will be kindly asked to change

Diary Dates

Fri 8th Dec - Nativity Play - Pre-School Closed

29th Nov - 4th Dec - St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival - Blue Dragons will be displaying their Christmas Tree Creations

W/C 18th December - Term 3 Invoices will be sent out

Weds 20th December - Last Day of Term

Thurs 4th Jan 24 - Pre-School Re-opens

Winter clothing



Children do go out in virtually all weather at pre-school. With winter approaching, please make sure that your child can stay warm and dry by popping wellies, hats, gloves and waterproof clothing in their bag.

- Please can we request that wellies are stored in non-plastic bags that your child can safely access their wellies independently

Term 2 Activities

Green dragons will be exploring pumpkins and making pumpkin soup. We are hoping to explore the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn. Any families out walking over half term and find pine cones we would really like some. Our festival celebrations will include Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas, which will include our nativity play on December 8th with all children taking part. We will be learning Christmas songs and our nativity story Jesus' Christmas Party. There will be lots of glue and glitter to make decorations for the tree. Our final week will be full of music, dance and party games.

Blue Dragons are looking forward to making their Christmas Decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Thomas's Church the theme will be "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" we will also be taking our Blue Dragon children for a bus trip to the church to see their creations in the church setting

Safety in the park

It has been brought to our attention that there has been a young man 'hanging out' within children's playgrounds locally, making both parents and children feel uncomfortable. We would like to make you aware that if there is ever any adult in a children's playground that is showing inappropriate interest or is making you and your children feel uncomfortable that you should ring 999 immediately.

Drinks bottles.

As part of supporting healthy development in our pre-school children and the avoidance of sugary drinks it is kindly requested that all pre-school children only have water in their drinks bottles during the day.

If you would like your child to have a juice drink at lunchtime then this is to be packed separately with their lunchboxes

Extended hours

These will not be available until January 2024 as the pre-school needs to put some additional measures in place. Apologies for this delay.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

YOUR PRE-SCHOOL NEEDS YOU.

**HELP
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We need your help with fundraising events, garden maintenance and DIY. If you are able to contribute even half an hour of your time with any of these ongoing projects, do let us know. Please look out for dates for which you can volunteer.

With thanks to all the support we've had with our fundraising events the Pre-School was really happy this term to be able to purchase some new equipment for the children to explore and enjoy, below are photos of some of the new items,

Thankyou for your ongoing support, we can't do this without you

