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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term. I am writing with a few updates for you.

Positive Behaviour Policy

As staff we have been reviewing our positive behaviour policy. Whilst instances of extremely poor behaviour at St Marks are rare, we are keen to address low level disruption in classrooms to ensure a positive, calm environment for all where learning is not unnecessarily disrupted. As such, we have discussed our expectations for different times of the school day, rewards that are offered in recognition of positive behaviours and sanctions and consequences for poor behaviour to ensure that all staff are consistent. Naturally, our CIRCLE Values are at the heart of this policy. Your child should bring home a CIRCLE Values bookmark today to remind them of how they can demonstrate these values in school.

A copy of the updated policy is available for you to view here. [Policies | St Mark's Church of England Aided Primary School \(stmarkscofe.co.uk\)](https://www.stmarkscofe.co.uk/Policies). The policy has been explained to the children in worship today and will start to be implemented on Monday. The aim of the positive behaviour policy is to encourage the children to live out our Christian CIRCLE Values and to support them to behave appropriately. Compassion and restoration of relationships are fundamental principles underpinning our approach.

Rewards are there to ensure that those who live out the CIRCLE Values and are recognised for making positive choices. Praising the children's positive behaviour and efforts are fundamental to our approach.

Where consequences are necessary, this will include a time to reflect on what has happened through a restorative conversation. We hope that given this chance to reflect, pupils will come to the realisation that a different more 'caring choice' will be made in the future. When a consequence has been required, all children will have a restorative conversation with the member of staff who has dealt with the situation. This is to support each child to understand how to change their behaviour based on the situation.

The child's reflection time and restorative conversation involves the following:

- What behaviour was I responsible for?
- How did it make others feel?
- Was it the best way to communicate what I needed?

- What could I have done differently?
- Agreed action with staff member:

If your child's behaviour has warranted reflection time and a restorative conversation three times within a half term, (either through a significant incident or repetition of low-level poor behaviours), parents/carers will receive an email to inform you. Please could you discuss this behaviour with your child to reinforce a consistent message about behaviour in school. We anticipate that the occurrence/need for reflection time will be greater in the initial weeks of the new policy being implemented whilst the children get used to this more consistent approach. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Clubs

The following clubs will run for the Spring term. The externally run clubs started this week but in house clubs will begin on Monday 22nd January (except Netball which will start on 22nd February 2024) until 22 March 2024. Please sign up using the form attached at the end of this letter returning all forms **by Wednesday 17th January**.

Spring Term Clubs 2024	When	Club is for:	Run By:
Monday			
Lunchtime Nurture Club	Lunchtime	By invitation	SC
Making Club	15:20 – 16:00	YrR, Yr1, Yr2	LJ
Tuesday			
Lunchtime Nurture Club	Lunchtime	By invitation	SC
Homework/Times Tables Club	Lunchtime	Juniors	LH
Football	15:20 – 16:30	Juniors	Sports4kids (£)
JAM Club	Lunchtime	All	Spirituality Team
Wednesday			
Lunchtime Nurture Club	Lunchtime	By invitation	SC
Gym and Dance	15:20 – 16:30	Yr1 to Yr4	Sports4kids (£)
Thursday			
Netball (starts 22/02/24)	15:20 – 16:00	Yr5 and Yr6	NS
Friday			
Lunchtime Nurture Club	Lunchtime	By invitation	NB
Choir	Lunchtime	Juniors	MB

PE Kit

Please could you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit, and that it is clearly named.

Whilst we feel it is important for the infants to change in and out of their PE kit at school to aid their self-help skills, we are looking to maximise our curriculum time for the juniors.

We will now be asking the juniors to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE, (Years 3&4: Tuesday and Friday, Years 5&6: Monday and Tuesday). The children should wear the correct kit: house coloured T-shirt, shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms over their shorts if it is cold (NOT leggings) and appropriate trainers. Your child should wear their school jumper with this. If for any reason school uniform is required to be worn for an event on a PE day, we will let you know in advance.

Junior children who have a sports club after school, will need to wear school uniform during that day and bring their PE kit to school to change into at the end of the school day, if it is not already a PE day.

The newsletter with key dates and information will come out to you shortly.

Best wishes

Vicky Ellis

Miss Ellis

Headteacher

Sign up slips for school clubs.

Please return to school by end of school on Wednesday 18th January

Making Club – YrR, Y1/2 - Monday (3.20pm – 4pm)

My child _____ in class: _____

Would like to sign up for Making Club on Monday after school starting on 22nd January.

✂ _____

Choir – Friday Lunchtime

My child _____ in class: _____

Would like to sign up for Choir on Friday Lunchtime starting 26th January.

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