



# St Mark's C.E. Junior School

*Reaching in, Reaching up, Reaching out*

## NEWSLETTER 7 (NL7)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Important Dates for T2/3

#### **December**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

T2 Ends

EOTA (End of Term Assembly) – Certificates of Merit, Lion Awards etc

Wear something Christmassy for Amelia Russell – accessories/additions (£1 donations)

#### **January**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Closed – No children or staff in

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

T3 Starts

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Early Steps – School Readiness Sessions begin in the Sycamore Room from today

Y6 Parents Information Evening 7.00 pm School Hall

Regarding SATs (National Curriculum tests) in May

What are they? How will they affect children? What are the reporting outcomes? Implications?

How does school support and challenge? How can parents help? And many more questions...

### Christmas Draw

Congratulations to all our winners and sincere thanks to everyone who bought tickets to support this popular annual fundraising event. Special mention must go to Leslie Trent for organising the tickets and to all members of the committee who were able to prepare the wonderful hampers and the hall ready for the event. The number and quality of the donations from families was exceptional this year – so much so that we raffled 25 separate hampers instead of the usual twelve. Many thanks.

**Children In Need** – the non-uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November raised £327.50 for this appeal.

### Easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online this Christmas you could be raising a free donation for St Mark's C. E. Junior School? There are over 3,100 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis and Sainsbury's and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! To get started, all you have to do is:

**1. Join** - Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarksschool/> and sign up for free.

**2. Shop** - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

**3. Raise** - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us and it won't cost you a penny extra!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift - there are no catches or hidden charges and St Mark's will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

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### Y6 Information Evening – January

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** we will be hosting a Y6 information evening for parents and will be discussing SATs, Reports, Teacher Assessments, preparation for/post SATs, secondary transfer and to answer any question parents may have about the remaining time in primary education. The meeting will be held in the hall at 7.00 pm – finished before 8.00 pm

### School Dinners

As reported back in September, reluctantly the price of a school dinner is increasing to £2.20 from January 2017. We have fixed our price, despite steadily rising costs, for nearly seven years but we are unable to sustain this.

### DITCH THE WORKOUT & JOIN THE PARTY

Hi everyone - Just to say that we are breaking class for Christmas and we will be back on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00 pm in the Exeter House School Hall. For anyone new wanting to come and join us in the New Year, classes are £4; we would love to see you. Contact Jackie Lynam 07867977219 or look at [www.zumbasalisbury.co.uk](http://www.zumbasalisbury.co.uk) for more information. Thank you all for your continued support & fun - have a Lovely Christmas break xx

### Wear something Christmassy for Amelia Russell (Harnham Junior School) – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Yesterday I sent out an email about a fundraising request we received from a local school. More info available via:

<http://www.spirefm.co.uk/news/local-news/2120678/help-give-a-young-girl-a-chance-of-a-childhood/>

Parents can donate via [https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com:443/rebecca-russell-1?utm\\_id=69](https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com:443/rebecca-russell-1?utm_id=69) quoting our school.

Alternatively parents can also support the Save the Children, as part of National Christmas Jumper Day, charity via

<https://christmasjumperday.org/>

### And finally...

Tomorrow we say goodbye and good luck to Ms Phillips who starts the next chapter of her career as Principal at St Michael's (Figheldean). She has been an outstanding servant to this school and will be missed by us all. She leaves with all our best wishes for success, happiness and fulfilment. On behalf of everyone at St Mark's I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support and kind words throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you refreshed, relaxed and ready for the new term on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

Getting the best from everyone, by everyone giving their best