



11/02/2022



# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

## The Value for Spring half term is Simplicity

- Simplicity is natural. Simplicity is being natural
- Simplicity is learning from the earth.
- Simplicity is beautiful
- Simplicity is relaxing
- Simplicity is staying in the present and not making things complicated.
- Simplicity is enjoying a plain mind and intellect.
- Simplicity teaches us economy—how to use our resources wisely, keeping future generations in mind.
- Simplicity is giving patience, friendship and encouragement.
- Simplicity is appreciating the small things in life.

*“Live simply, so that others may simply*

## February Half Term

We close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and will re-open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## School Opening Times

Reminder: The school gates open at 8:40am. Children should be in class for the bell at 8:50am. If your child is going to arrive after this time, please bring them to the school office as the gates will be closed at 8:50am.

## Dugout After School Sports Club

We still have some spaces available for Year 3 and 5 after school sports club on a Thursday night at a charge of £24 for 6 weeks. Please contact the school office if you are interested.  
Could parents please ensure when collecting their child from this club you wait at the green gates and do not enter the school grounds.

Dear Parents/Carers,

*I cannot believe we are almost half way through this year! It is a wonderful time of year in school. Children are settled and relationships are very well established. They are making excellent progress and really enjoying their learning.*

*Like everyone, we are starting to consider the next steps as the latest wave of the pandemic subsides. We are really keen to get back to some elements of what we did pre-COVID but also want to hold on to the best of what has changed. It is a tricky balance and one ‘I know’ we will continue to reflect on over the next half a year and beyond. We have really missed having you all in the school over the past two years and we are keen for you to see the building, where your children learn, their books and to meet their teachers in person. We would love to have that community atmosphere back in the school. Of course, we will have to carefully consider how quickly we change and what we prioritise. There is no doubt that, whilst there will be many positives, there will also be challenges as there is with any change. I know we will continue to work together and support each other through this.*

*Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.*

*Mrs Miller*

## Beamish Visit

We have arranged for our Year 4 class to visit Beamish Museum on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their completed form.

## School Lunch

Please ensure you do not get into arrears: lunches must be paid in advance; the school does not have the budget to cover these lunch arrears. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to the school office who will be able to assist you in how to apply

## Uniform Policy

Please find attached our **School Uniform Policy**. Please ensure this is read **thoroughly** as all children should be in the full, correct school uniform at the beginning of next half term. Our school will be strongly enforcing this policy.