

# St Mark's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

This half term continues to be a busy one, but the children are demonstrating their resilience and love of learning as always. Please continue to access our Facebook page to see what your children have been learning so far this term. As the term continues, we are planning on delivering as many Christmas events as usual, but with adaptations due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place. Please do check the 'Keeping in Touch' news letter for dates to be aware of. Any additions will be communicated to parents/carers where necessary.

I would like to inform parents/carers that this week I received a call from OFSTED in order for them to commence a 'visit' to school to gather information regarding any adaptations we have made due to Covid-19 and the issues surrounding this, as well as any positives we had to report. The 'visit' (which has replaced inspections until further notice) took place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and was conducted remotely over Teams. I am pleased to report that it was a success. Unlike other inspections, schools are currently not graded, but OFSTED will produce a letter outlining their visit. However, they did indicate that it would be quite 'underwhelming' considering they gathered information from myself and other leaders for the majority of the day. The reason for this is they have to report within so many words. I will email this as soon as we receive it.

As always, can I please remind parents/carers about measures we ask you to continue to respect as we still face issues surrounding Covid-19. I have received some emails recently that have alerted me to the fact that some parents/carers may not be following the measures in place. Please turn up to school as the gates are opening and try to avoid queuing. Remember that there is a one-way system in operation via the main playground gates. Parents/carers who use the top gate to enter are encouraged to use the main playground exit gate to exit school. Where this is not possible, please respect others who are entering via the top gate and give each other space to get through. We do ask that you do not stand in groups talking. We ask that children are dropped off and collected and you exit the site as soon as possible. We ask that you stick to the staggered start and finish times so there is less footfall on the school site at one time.

I look forward to the next 4 weeks of this half term, where lots of exciting things will continue to happen in school.

Thanks again for your support.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Hindson,  
Headteacher.



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