St Mark's C.E. Primary School
Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA
Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! The children have settled into the routines of school amazingly well, and it has been lovely to see them thriving. Our classroom is such a joyous place, filled with so many happy faces, lots of chatter and plenty of stories to share. We are incredibly proud of how well the children are doing. As we move forward, we just have a few little reminders to help everything run smoothly:

📚 Reading Folders

Please remember to send your child's plastic reading folder into school every Monday. Next week, we will begin sending home wordless picture books. There is no expectation for your child to "read" these in the traditional sense. Instead, please enjoy looking through the pictures together and encourage your child to talk about what they think is happening. You might ask questions such as, *"What do you think is happening here?"*, *"How do you think the character is feeling?"* or *"What do you think might happen next?"* This is a lovely way to develop their confidence, imagination and storytelling skills.

🍎 Fruit Snacks

If you are sending in a fruit snack for your child, please do not put it in a lunch box. Having a lunch box can be confusing for the children at lunchtime, as they may think they have brought a packed lunch. A clearly named piece of fruit or small snack pot on its own is perfect.

🥛 Milk

Please do make sure you have completed and returned the milk form if you would like your child to have milk, so that they can be added to our milk register.

If you are unsure about how to order milk for your child, please do contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

👕 Naming Clothing

Please can we ask that all clothing is clearly named, particularly jumpers, cardigans, coats and any other items that the children may take off during the day. With lots of very similar-looking clothing, it can be tricky for both the children and adults to work out what belongs to whom! Having everything clearly labelled makes it much easier for us to reunite any misplaced items with their owners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so pleased with how happily the children have settled in and are looking forward to another wonderful week of learning, playing and growing together.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mr Vacher and Mrs Wells.