

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week Ending 20th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the new school library open day to next week. These are circumstances beyond our control but we have been informed that by next Wednesday afternoon, our library should be completely fitted and so, we will be holding the open day for the new school library on Thursday 26th September. It will be open for you to access and have a look at between 3pm and 4pm. We hope you'll be able to join us for this!

In school this week, we had a fire drill and the children were extremely well behaved finding the nearest exit to get to safety. Well done children!

This is the first week we have had our POP (Praise Of Pupil) trackers up and running and all the classes have been using the POP trackers all week. We have made a fantastic start - keep up the good work children!

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting – Wednesday 25th September at 3.30pm.

Attendance for this week:



Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	96.3%	2	Year 4	100%	1
Year 1	99.6%	5	Year 5	98.3%	3
Year 2	97.9%	2	Year 6	99.2%	0
Year 3	99.2%	5	School	98.6%	18



Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving an award in our Congratulations assembly this week. Keep up the great work!

Reception: Adam & Eva Year 1: Hena & Adam Year 2: Kyle & Szymon Year 3: Christina & Hubert Year 4: Teigan & Rayan

Year 5: Issa & Kiya Year 6: Vijay & Elliot

Fr. Vincent returns from his holiday next week so Mass will resume as normal on a Thursday.

We thank Br. Andrew for allowing us to celebrate the Gospel of the Lord.



Thursday 26th September - Mass led by Year 5 Thursday 3rd October - Mass led by Year 4



Reception Door - Message to Reception Parents

Well done to our younger pupils in Reception class - they have made a great start to school life at St. Mark's. They have settled in really well and they should be proud of themselves. To help develop our Reception children's independence, we politely ask that parents of Reception children leave them at the Reception door so that they can walk in to the classroom alone to hang their coat and bag up and begin the day's activities.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Following last year's success, we will again be participating in fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. Each class will have a specified day of bringing in and selling cakes and the whole school will have the opportunity at break time to buy the cakes.

Please support this worthy cause by bringing in cakes on the specified day:

Monday 23rd September – Year 5 Tuesday 24th September – Year 4 Wednesday 25th September – Year 3 Thursday 26th September – Year 2 Friday 27th September - Year 1



Headlice

There has been an isolated case of head lice in the infants. Could you please make regular checks to see that your child's head is clear. Should there be a problem, treatment can be obtained from the chemist. Once the infestation has been treated a twenty-four hour period should elapse before

the child returns to school. The whole family will need to be treated to ensure the treatment is effective.

School Term Dates

Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Monday 6th January	Monday 20 th April	
То	То	То	
Friday 25 th October	Friday 14 th February	Friday 22 nd May	
-Half Term-	-Half Term-	-Half Term-	
Tuesday 5 th November	Monday 24th February	Monday 1st June	
То	То	То	
Friday 20 th December	Friday 3 rd April	Friday 17 th July	

Dates for Diaries

- MacMillan Cake Sale all week from Monday 23rd September
- Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting Wednesday 25th September at 3.30pm
- Crash, Bang, Wallop on Thursday 26th September CANCELLED
- Library Open Day Thursday 26th September
- Welcome service Friday 4th October
- Teacher Training Day Monday 4th November
- St. Mark's Annual Open Day for Prospective Parents Thursday 7th November from 10.30am

For your Diary

REMINDER: Flu nasal vaccination letters went out today. Please complete the consent forms and return to school before Friday 4th October 2019.

Many thanks