



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school eco-buddies led this week's whole school assembly, they explained with passion that we all have a part to play in caring for our environment. What part are YOU playing? We should all remember that every little bit makes a difference!

On Wednesday, we gathered together to pray with Archbishop Bernard Longley. Well done to all the children for praying the Rosary and for showing great reverence while doing so.

Thank you to all of those parents who have spoken to me about the changes we are making to raise the profile of reading and to improve your child's reading skills. It is always good to hear feedback from you. I have sent a separate letter out this week to give you some more information regarding Reading at St. Mark's. It is important that you read it! Thanks.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Extraordinary Mission Month

Dr. James Trewby (a Columbian missionary) visited our school this week. He inspired the children to fulfil their vocation and mission and he talked about the importance of putting faith into action!

"We must build bridges, not walls to gather people together." By Jemima Y5

attendance
MATTERS

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Attendance for this week:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception	97%	Year 4	96%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	97%
Year 3	99%	School	98%

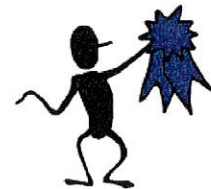


Congratulations and Well Done!

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: De'jaune & Jai
 Year 1: Fionn & Taon
 Year 2: Olivier & Prabhkirat
 Year 3: Lexi & Raman
 Year 4: Ania & Ivy
 Year 5: Summerpreet & Issa
 Year 6: Shivani & Mariam



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN**

NEW RECEPTION APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, they will be able to start school in September 2020.

Parents will need to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by

15 January 2020. The application process is now LIVE.

Dogs

It has been brought to my attention that a number of dog owners, who are also parents bring their dog along for the school drop-off and/or collection. Whilst I know that these dogs seem well trained and are always kept on leads, it is important to bare in mind that at busy times of the day, dogs can get very excitable and may (unintentionally) frighten some of our younger children. Please can you be vigilant and mindful if you are a dog owner that there are some children who are very scared of dogs.



Many thanks



Mass Schedule

Thursday 17th October – Harvest Mass led by Year 3
Thursday 24th October – Mass led by Year 6

*please
join us*



HARVEST MASS

We will be celebrating our harvest mass on Thursday 17th October. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all that we have, and to those that help to grow and prepare our food. It is also an opportunity for us to think of those less fortunate. We would greatly appreciate if you could support with gifts of tinned and packaged food. All food produce will be donated to 'Fireside' – who provide a place of respite for homeless people where they can access shelter and food. Donated food should be brought to school from Monday until Thursday morning before the Harvest Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

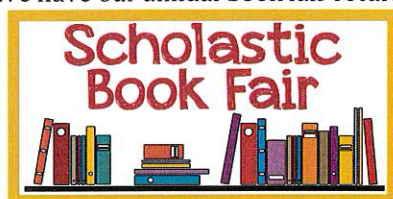
COFFEE MORNINGS AT HOLY NAME CHURCH - PARISH CENTRE

THE TEAM AT HOLY NAME CHURCH ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS TO SUPPORT THEM AFTER MASS FOR THEIR TEA/COFFEE MORNINGS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS GORDHAN AT HOLY NAME CHURCH ON 0121 357 1351.



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

We have our annual book fair returning to St. Mark's on the week beginning 21st October. The children will have the opportunity to buy books and stationary after school in the school hall.



The book fair will also be running during Parents Evening, giving parents the opportunity to browse and purchase books for their children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading presentation -

Monday 14th October at 3:30pm for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 15th October at 2:45pm for Reception



*For your
Diary*

**Teachers' Training
Days**

4th November 2019
6th January 2020
(Other dates TBC)

Next SMF Meeting held on Friday 8th November 2019 at 2:15pm

SWIMMING

Swimming is a most enjoyable activity and a compulsory part of the National Curriculum which states that all pupils should be able to swim 25m before leaving primary school. If your son/daughter is unable to participate because of a medical condition a doctor's note should be provided for school records.



Otherwise, it is compulsory for **all** children to attend swimming sessions.

Creative Curriculum Workshops

Reception: Tuesday 15 th October (9-10am)	Year 1: Friday 18 th October (9-10am)
Year 2: Monday 14 th October (2-3pm)	Year 3: Wednesday 16 th October (2-3pm)
Year 4: Tuesday 15 th October (2-3pm)	Year 5: Thursday 17 th October (2-3pm)
Year 6: Friday 18 th October (2-3pm)	

Dates for Diaries:

- Residents from Grove Court (Old Walsall Road), will be visiting St Mark's School to enjoy an Afternoon Tea with our School Council members - **Tuesday 15th October**
- Year 4 – Think Tank trip – **Friday 18th October**
- Year 3 – Grosvenor Museum trip – **Monday 21st October**
- Scholastic Book Fair in school from **Monday 21st October from 3.30pm**
- Parents Evenings - **Wednesday 23rd October 3:30-6:00pm & Thursday 24th October 4:30-6:30pm**
- Deadline for Secondary School applications – **Thursday 31st October 2019**
- St. Mark's Annual Open Day for Prospective Parents – **Thursday 7th November 2019 from 10.30am** – please call school office to book an appointment.
- Flu Nasal Spray – **Tuesday 19th November**
- Christmas Fayre – **Friday 6th December 2019** [Non-Uniform Day – 50p contribution] **3:30pm – 5:00pm**. If you would like to run a stall (contribution cost: £10), please contact the school office.

