



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 18th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Workshops

The reading presentations went very well this week - thank you to all of those that attended. Thank you also to those that attended the 'Creative Parent workshops' this week. The children had great fun working with you as parents and showing you the fun and engaging activities we undertake in our school curriculum. Please complete the evaluation forms (if you haven't already) if you attended a creative workshop as these will be analysed and evaluated by the senior leadership team.

Black History Month

It is Black History Month and next week in school, we will be dedicating time in our curriculum to the achievements of inspiring black British, American and African role models such as athletes, politicians, authors, poets, actors and musicians. At St. Mark's we pride ourselves in ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum whereby cultures from around the world are celebrated. Explaining Black History Month to children might seem straightforward, but there's actually a lot for young learners to unpack and understand. Please speak to your child next week about what they are learning about in school. Our school does not tolerate prejudice or discrimination of any kind and we hope our children will never be subject to any prejudice or discrimination outside of our school today or in the future.

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

- Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team.

Attendance for this week:

attendance
MATTERS



Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	94%	6	Year 4	99%	2
Year 1	96%	5	Year 5	97%	10
Year 2	94%	2	Year 6	99%	5
Year 3	99%	3	School	97%	33

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: Gabriella P & Valeriya

Year 1: Nathan & Sumaya

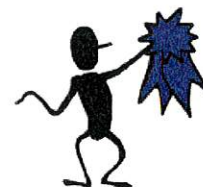
Year 2: Natalia & Elisia-Leigh

Year 3: Holly & Anjali

Year 4: Anayah & Raphael

Year 5: Tianna & Angela

Year 6: Blair & Mariya



ADMISSIONS
OPEN

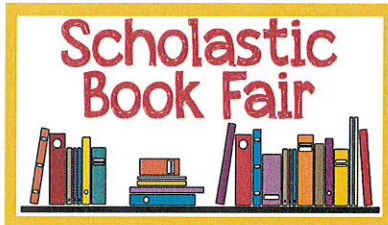
NEW RECEPTION APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

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**.

St. Mark's Annual Open Day for Prospective Parents - Thursday 7th November 2019 from 10.30am - please call our school office to book an appointment.

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 from the 21st of 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.

Harvest Mass

Thank you for all the Harvest food that was donated - it will support SIFA at Fireside.



Anti-bullying week will be taking place the week beginning 11th November. During this week, the children will be learning about the importance of recognising behaviour, feelings and actions associated with bullying and how to STAMP OUT any bullying behaviour. Year 6 will be leading an assembly on this on Monday 11th November at 9am. You are all very welcome to attend this. Please look out for a page coming soon on our website on anti-bullying at St. Mark's.

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



SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER – RE-OPENS TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

TEACHER TRAINING DAY – MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

*For your
Diary*

Dates for Diaries:

- Year 3 – Grosvenor Museum trip – **Monday 21st October**
- Scholastic Book Fair in school from **Monday 21st October from 3.30pm**
- Allen's Aerobics – Monday 21st October – **CANCELLED**
- Sporting Elite After School Clubs on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October – **CANCELLED**
- Crash, bang, wallop - Thursday 24th October - **CANCELLED**
- Shooting Hoops – Thursday 24th October – **CANCELLED**
- 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**
- Flu Nasal Spray – **Tuesday 19th November**
- Christmas Fayre – **Friday 6th December 2019 3:30pm – 5:00pm**. If you would like to run a stall (contribution cost: £10), please contact the school office.

