



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 25th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending parents' evenings this week and for completing the parent questionnaires. We will report to you after half term our findings from the parent questionnaires and what improvements we will be making. This half-term has been a very busy one, but it has been a very **fun-filled** and **inspiring** one too! Black History Week has been a great success and the children have completed some fantastic work on this. Please take a look on our school website to find out more about the learning that takes place at St. Mark's.

We have made many changes here at St. Mark's and we continue to make more changes to improve the quality of education for ALL our children. The newly-canonized St. John Henry Newman said it best when he said;
"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday.
Please take care and we will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th November!
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team.

Attendance for this week:



Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	85%	3	Year 4	95%	3
Year 1	96%	2	Year 5	91%	11
Year 2	92%	2	Year 6	95%	1
Year 3	96%	3	School	93%	25



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.



THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 5 MASS
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 4 MASS
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - YEAR 3 MASS
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 6 MASS



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.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT HOLY NAME PARISH - SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER (AFTER 12.30 MASS)

HOLY NAME PARISH WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DONATE ANY BOTTLES FOR THEIR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAYRE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS, PLEASE BRING YOUR BOTTLES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Word of the week stickers in pupil planners

Unfortunately, many children are not completing their 'word of the week' stickers in planners. These stickers are not optional - they are part of your child's weekly homework. We are working hard in school to support your child to develop a rich vocabulary.

'The extent of a student's language skills largely determines their educational outcomes.'

Please ensure your child is reading **every night** for at least 10 minutes.



WE WILL BE SELLING POPPIES AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AFTER HALF TERM FOR PUPILS TO PURCHASE. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE TO MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY.

INSPIRATION DAY

We have an inspiration day coming up on **Friday 08th November**. Children will be involved in a fun action-packed day linked to their curriculum topic. To help the children get into character, both children and staff will be coming in to school dressed as their respective topic. Please see the topics for each year group below:



Year Group	Topic
Reception	People who help us
Year 1	Bonfire Plot
Year 2	Explorers
Year 3	European countries
Year 4	Vive La France
Year 5	Egyptians
Year 6	Tudors



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

Anti-Bullying Week



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.

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

TEACHER TRAINING DAY – MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

For your Diary

Dates for Diaries:

- Deadline for Secondary School applications – **Thursday 31st October 2019**
- Science Investigation Day – **Tuesday 5th November 2019**
- Inspiration Day – **Friday 8th November 2019**
- Reception - Trip to Think tank – **Thursday 14th November 2019**
- Flu Nasal Spray – **Tuesday 19th November 2019**
- 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 and attend the next SMF meeting if you can on 8/11/19 at 2.15pm

