



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 6th December 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you to all of those who have helped to organise today's Christmas fayre. We are very fortunate at St. Mark's to have so many supportive parents who willingly give up their time to ensure that events such as the Christmas fayre happen.

Thank you to all of those who donated goods and managed stalls. I would especially like to thank the St. Mark's Friends Group and it is wonderful to see this group growing in numbers. Please, if you can give any time to supporting the school with events such as the Christmas and Summer fayres – you would be very welcome to attend the meetings!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Attendance for this week:



Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	94	3	Year 4	97	4
Year 1	96	3	Year 5	98	2
Year 2	98	5	Year 6	98	1
Year 3	99	4	School	97	22



ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

KS1 - Monday 16th December @ 9:10am
KS2 - Tuesday 17th December @ 9:10am

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: Zayyan, Rico & Caitlyn
Year 1: Delphi, Alex & Fionn
Year 2: Joseph, Amen & Nasri
Year 3: Holly, Rohan & Raiyanna
Year 4: Trae, Patrycja & Shanice
Year 5: Ahsan, Tay & Tiya
Year 6: Melody, Jorah & Siana



PUNCTUALITY

It has been noticed that we are having a large number of children coming in late to school. Teaching starts when school starts at 9:00am. Your child will never miss out on important lessons if they are on time. The start of the school day is an opportunity to further develop important social skills with other children and adults. Being on time everyday means your child will never have to experience this. It is important to establish good habits now. How it adds up!

- 5 minutes late everyday adds up to over 3 days lost a year.
- 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Being 30 minutes late every day is the same as 19 days absent a year.

Persistent lates (ten in a term) will be monitored and letters sent to parents. If no improvement is made the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will be informed.



REMINDER:

I would like to remind all parents that school gates are opened at 8.45am each morning. School lessons begin at 9.00a.m. and end at 3.10pm for EYFS / KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2.

INTERNET SAFETY

WARNING - Inappropriate Social Media App

West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.

Please share at the earliest opportunity with your pupils, staff, friends and family.



UNICO LIVE - Live Stream, Live Video & Live Show

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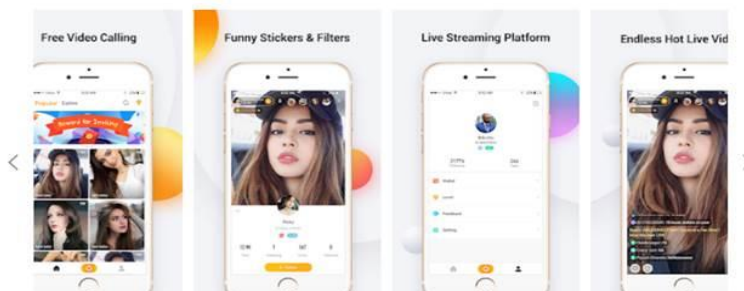
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Parental guidance

Offers in-app purchases

Add to wishlist

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Nativity Performance - Key Stage 1 Thursday 12th December at 2pm

SMF Christmas Disco

The SMF team are holding their Christmas disco on Friday 13th December from 3.30pm till 4.30pm. Children can come in to school in non-uniform on this day.

There is an entrance fee of £2.00- which includes unlimited squash and a packet of crisps.

Could we please ask parents to bring in the entrance fee in a labelled envelope with the child's name and class to be given in the morning. Spending money can be given separately to the children for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at the disco!



KS2 CAROL CONCERT

This year, St. Mark's will hold its annual Key Stage 2 carol concert at Holy Name Church on the evening of Tuesday 17th December at 7pm. There will be hot drinks and mince pies served afterwards in the Holy Name Church Centre. We hope you will support us by joining us for this festive occasion.

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 20th December. The pupils will be able to come to school in non-uniform wearing a festive jumper. We kindly request a £1.00 donation for the day, in order to raise funds for our School Fund.

Thank you for your continued support.



Dates for Diaries:

- **Christmas dinner** - Wednesday 11th December
- **Nativity** - Key Stage 1 - Thursday 12th December - 2pm
- **Flu Nasal Vaccination spray** - Friday 13th December
- **Non-uniform Day & Christmas Disco** - Friday 13th December - 3.30-4.30pm
- **Attendance assembly**
 - KS1 - Monday 16th December @ 9:10am
 - KS2 - Tuesday 17th December @ 9:10am
- **Key stage 2 Carol concert** - Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at Holy Name Church
- **Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 20th December - £1 donation
- **Teacher Training Days:** Monday 6th Jan 2020 and Friday 17th Jan 2020

Take Note

SCHOOL BREAKS UP – FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2019 – RE-OPENS TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020