



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher  
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

## **Attendance and Punctuality Matters!**

Attendance and punctuality is taken very seriously at St. Mark's. Last term, the percentage of children arriving late to school was the highest it has ever been! From now on, any child arriving late to school through the main entrance will be given a late sticker that will be stuck into their planner, so you can see how many late marks your child is receiving. **Poor punctuality affects learning, not only of the child arriving late, but it has an impact on other children as the teacher is required to recap on missed learning.**

We are monitoring attendance and punctuality closely in school. Please ensure your child is on time to school and has good attendance. Any parent requesting a leave of absence request form, will be contacted directly by either myself or Mrs. Beasley, our school education welfare attendance officer. Please support your child by ensuring they are on time and in school every day.

*Lord Jesus, We accept Your gift of a New Year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.*

*We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. I say it again, we rejoice!  
In Jesus name, Amen.*

**Have a good weekend,  
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team**

## **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 - Imaan & Gabriella  
Year 1 - Nathan & Hena  
Year 2 - Olivier & Chyna-Rose  
Year 3 - Savaun & Holly  
Year 4 - Shanice & Ivy  
Year 5 - Desmond & George  
Year 6 - Natassia & Jasmine



## **Thursday Mass Dates**

Family and friends are very welcome to join us on the following dates:



Mass  
Schedule

16<sup>th</sup> January                      Year 4  
23<sup>rd</sup> January                      Year 5  
30<sup>th</sup> January                      Year 6  
6<sup>th</sup> February                      Year 3  
13<sup>th</sup> February                      Year 4

## **Attendance for this week**



Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	98.7%	2	Year 4	98%	2
Year 1	100%	3	Year 5	96.6%	3
Year 2	98%	1	Year 6	97.3%	2
Year 3	96.7%	0	School	97.9%	13



## PE Kits and belongings

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit on the day they do P.E. as we are having many parents interrupt the school office to drop off P.E. and swimming kits to be passed on to their child as they have forgotten to bring them. Similarly, many children are forgetting bags, water bottles, homework and other items. Whilst we acknowledge sometimes things can be forgotten, we also need our children to be responsible and to look after their belongings. We appreciate your support with this.



## Class Assemblies

Please note: All assemblies start at 2.30pm

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y1
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6



## ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTREME WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of extreme weather conditions school closures are notified as early as possible. Parents should listen to reports on local radio stations – BRMB, BBC Radio WM and Heart FM for lists of school closures. We will also do our best to notify parents as early as possible by text message. If you have recently changed your telephone number can you please notify the school office for us to update your child's records.

## Reading Breakfast Mornings



CLASS	DATE	TIME
Reception	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	8.20 – 8.45
Year 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	8.20 – 8.45
Year 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 3	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 4	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 5	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 6	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	8.20 - 8.45

## School Term Dates

### Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020

**Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020**

Term Ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20 April 2020

**Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020**

Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Teacher Training Day: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**