

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 24th 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 chid 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

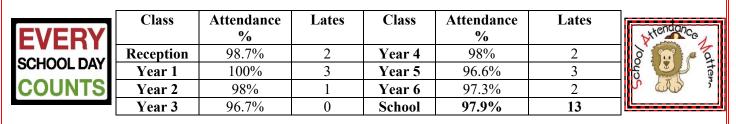
Family and friends are very welcome to join us on the following dates:



16 th January
23 rd January
30 th January
6 th February
13 th February

Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 3 Year 4

Attendance for this week



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.



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 th March 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 1	Monday 2 nd March 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 2	Monday 10 th February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 3	Monday 3 rd February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 4	Wednesday 12 th February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 5	Wednesday 5 th February 2020	8.20 - 8.45
Year 6	Monday 24 th 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 3rd 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 17th July 2020 Teacher Training Day: Monday 20th July 2020