



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 14th February 2020

Behaviour and Conduct

With the beginning of the new year and the new school term we have been taking opportunities to remind the children about our expectations for behaviour in and around school. Children are aware that the respect and courtesy that we expect from them extends to the whole school community. Your children can expect to be treated well by the adults who teach and care for them in school and they can also expect to see all adults, in and around school, acting as good role models for appropriate behaviour.

There are occasional instances, in all schools, where parents and carers have differences of opinion, frustrations are experienced or misunderstandings lead to poor choices being made. We never want your children to witness adults around them displaying aggressive behaviour, inappropriate language or addressing issues in ways that are not in keeping with the values and ethos of our school community.

If there are ever occasions where you have a specific issue or concerns that you wish to raise with us, then please follow the appropriate procedures as shared with all parents/carers at our school. All policies and procedures including those for dealing with complaints and the expectations for adult conduct are on our website, under the 'Policies' section, or via the office if you wish to have a hard copy.

Please continue to work in partnership with us so that your children can develop and thrive in the best possible environment.

Many thanks,
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Anti-bullying Ambassadors

You may have seen from our school website that we now have anti-bullying ambassadors in each class. These children have been chosen to promote and support the school's approach to bullying.

We are a TELLING school and our motto is:

Lend a HAND. take a STAND. STOP BULLYING NOW!



PCSO's - Thank you to the Year 5 PCSO's who have been arriving at school early every Wednesday morning to monitor the parking. Thank you for your commitment to this cause!



New School Librarians

On Monday this week, I, along with Christina and Freya from School Council held interviews for the position of school librarian. Eleven children from Years 5 and 6 applied for this position and competition was very strong. I was extremely impressed by how well the children prepared for this by giving enthusiastic, informative and detailed responses to the questions asked in the interviews.

Afreya, Rhia, Annie, Lacei, Tiya and Kai from Year 5 and
Natassia, Meisha, Ammani, Blair and Mariam from Year 6

These are our new St. Mark's school librarians!

A big thank you and well done also to Freya and Christina for leading the interviews – great job!

Internet Safety Day

On **Tuesday 11th February**, we explored and shared how and why we must keep ourselves safe online. Here is what some of the children had to say about what they learned:

I learnt that not all people are who they say they are on the computer. They could be pretending. - **Ivelin**

I learned on Internet Safely day that you should not share any of your personal details to strangers. Also, I learned that people change their avatar and confuse others because people who are the person's friend might think that you are a scammer.

During safer internet day, we discussed about how we are all free to be anything we want. We also talked about gender stereotypes and how we shouldn't judge - **Shivani**

Art and Design Week

This week in school, we have been learning about the knowledge and skills needed to be a great artist. After school on Monday 24th February, the children's work will be displayed in the school hall, please pop into the school hall to see some of the work that your child has completed.

Here is what some of the children had to say about Art and Design Week:

I have enjoyed art because I like painting and mixing colours. - **Delphie Y1.**

I enjoyed using tint, tone and shade because I like the effect it made, which was quite challenging to achieve. - **Kieran Y4**

I enjoyed using the art technique of cubism in the style of Picasso. - **Zara Y6**

Also here are the artists each class have focused their work on:

R:	Paul Klee
Y1:	Wassily Kandinsky
Y2:	Kostas Korovilas
Y3:	Jan Francis
Y4:	Andy Warhol
Y5:	Vincent Van Gogh
Y6:	Pablo Picasso

Thursday Mass Dates



Mass
Schedule

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

Our next whole school Mass will be on Wednesday 26th February at 9:10am
as this is Ash Wednesday.

All are welcome to attend as it is a holy day of obligation.

Medical Appointments & Absences

Please contact the school office if your child will not be attending school due to illness. Medical appointments and absences of illness will need to be supported with proof of your child attending a GP, Dentist, Hospital, Walk- in Centre or any medical establishment. Please avoid where possible making medical appointments during the school day.

ON SITE PARKING & CLEAN AIR!

We have noticed that the staff car park has become very congested with vehicles, particularly at the end of the school day when children are leaving and being collected from after school clubs. Fumes from vehicles create air pollution and poor air quality, which can become very dangerous for our children if inhaled. Also, when vehicles are reversing this is a hazard and dangerous. We need your support in reducing emissions in around the school site and to keeping our children safe. Please do not park your vehicle on the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance for this week



Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	99.3%	0	Year 4	98.7	1
Year 1	94.7	2	Year 5	96.7	0
Year 2	93.3	1	Year 6	98.7	0
Year 3	98.0	2	School	97.0	6



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: Rajveer & Rico
Year 1: Kaiden & Delphi
Year 2: Dylan & Szymon
Year 3: Chase & Sachin
Year 4: Kimaya & Anil
Year 5: Annie & Lacei
Year 6: Kai & Musawir

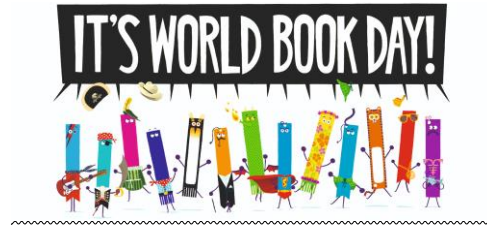


The Good Shepherd Appeal

Children will be coming home with Father Hudson Boxes today. Please support this important charity by filling up your boxes with spare change during Lent. The children learned all about the charity on Tuesday in assembly with Lucy Davies who visited from Fr. Hudson's Charity. She kindly thanked the children for their generosity last year and to inform them of how their money will make a difference this year.



This year for World Book Day we would like the children to dress up as a **WORD**. Children should be as creative as they can! We need to have their word and the dictionary definition displayed somewhere on them. E.g. If your child's word is 'monarchy' then they could come dressed as a king or queen. There will be prizes for the best word/ costumes!



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

**I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half-term holiday.
We look forward to seeing you back in school on
Monday 24th February.
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team**