



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to welcome back Miss Grant from her maternity leave – she is now the Year 3 teacher. I hope you all had a good half term break. On Wednesday, we had our Ash Wednesday Mass in school. It was lovely to see so many parents and parishioners join us for this significant occasion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Every class in school attended this special Mass and all children, from Reception to Year 6 were marked with the cross of ashes on their forehead. This is a sign that we want to turn away from sin, and to follow Jesus. Lent is a time of prayer, of giving and fasting. The small sacrifices we make during Lent make room in our hearts to welcome the risen Jesus at Easter. Please take some time to talk with your children about the meaning of Lent and discuss together what could be a meaningful sacrifice for this time.



On Tuesday, this week, we welcomed **John McCorkell** to St. Mark's to visit the children and provide an assembly and workshop on Disability Awareness. He was thoroughly impressed with the learning that he viewed whilst he was with us. He left knowing what a special place St. Mark's is.

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



Thursday Mass Dates

THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH 2020	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 12 TH MARCH 2020	YEAR 6 WILL LEAD THE MASS BUT WE ARE INVITING ALL CHILDREN TO BRING A BIBLE FROM HOME TO BE BLESSED BY FR. VINCENT DURING THIS MASS
THURSDAY 19 TH MARCH 2020	YEAR 5
THURSDAY 26 TH MARCH 2020	YEAR 4
THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL 2020	YEAR 3

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: Josiah & Elli Mae

Year 1: Adam & Dylan

Year 2: Palvi & Zakaria

Year 3: Daniel & Hubert

Year 4: Rayan & Daisy

Year 5: Tay & Michael

Year 6: Blair & Mariya





SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

During the half term break, there was some work carried out to improve the school site, we had some turf fitted to the playground area and two new benches fitted.

Attendance for this week



Class	Attendance %	Late	Class	Attendance %	Late
Reception	97.9%	1	Year 4	100%	1
Year 1	98.7%	0	Year 5	95.3%	0
Year 2	97.9%	2	Year 6	95.3%	0
Year 3	92.7%	0	School	96.8%	4



PCSO's - Thank you 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!

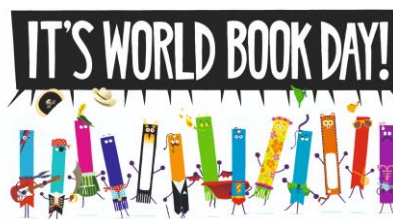


World Book Day



THURSDAY 5th March 2020

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!



Science Investigation Day – Monday 9th March 2020



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