



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 11th September 2020



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent meetings that took place this week. I understand there was a lot of information given at these meetings so if you would like a copy of the PowerPoint – please get in touch via email with the school office on: enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk

Welcome Reception



A huge welcome to our Reception children who started school this week – we are very pleased to have you in school and you have all settled in brilliantly. WELL DONE!

Here's what some of our Reception children had to say on their first week back in school:

'I have loved colouring and making new friends' by Mahira

'My favourite is painting and playing with the doll's house' by Sofia

'I like playing with my friends' by Amal

CONTACT DETAILS

Please inform the school office immediately via email (enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk) if your contact details have changed. Please also update us with your email addresses. This is imperative for us to ensure we can adhere to Test and Trace procedures.



REMINDER

Any child/ren absent from school due to parents/carers choosing not to send them will result in an UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE. Unauthorised absences can result in families receiving attendance fines from the Local Authority.

TIK TOK - PLEASE BE AWARE!



We have received notification about highly sensitive and distressing material on Tik Tok. We advise that you do NOT let your children look at this. It should not apply as Tik Tok is not suitable for primary aged children. Please be vigilant to help keep your child/ren safe. Also, please inform school staff if your child/ren become distressed from anything they see online.



ALLERGIES

Please update the school office if your child has developed any allergies that we as a school may be unaware of. Please note: We are a NUT FREE school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BY SPORTING ELITE

Sporting Elite will be starting multi-sports clubs after school for children in Key Stage 2 from **week commencing the 21st September** from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school hall.

As we are operating on a bubble system, boys and girls in each class in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to attend a multi-sports after school club. If you would like your child to take part then please register for the club via Google Docs on the link highlighted in the table below.

Day	Class	Registration link – please click on the links to register your child/ren
Monday	Year 5 children only	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RP7YGtg-5eXXbik77OFHIXeAYxZf3gJDZm4sB2_dGt8/viewform?chromeless=1&edit_requested=true
Tuesday	Year 3 children only	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CN2O36oQot2NgikvKkn3jH52vxWu7cMqdMnHTr8KDVO/viewform?chromeless=1&edit_requested=true
Wednesday	No club	
Thursday	Year 6 children only	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E5KMrdN1Cs0_QUIt_ANoRCuaa-mPF76sbdqIbLdAvcw/viewform?chromeless=1&edit_requested=true
Friday	Year 4 children only	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ApUm967JqkZVrlyplAP_jGAvtnmFgN0Di1tOKyHeJlg/viewform?chromeless=1&edit_requested=true

Please remember that the clubs are run by Sporting Elite, so if you have any questions/queries, please contact them on infor@sportingelite.com.

Please note: After school clubs for KS1 will start after half term.

FOOD PARCELS

We recognise that some families have faced a great deal of financial instability in the last 6 months and we would like to help any family struggling financially. The St. Vincent de Paul charity are supporting some families in school by providing fortnightly food parcels. If you would like to receive a fortnightly food parcel, please speak to the school office, either via email or telephone (enquiry@stmarkrc.bham / 0121 357 9892).

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

We are very proud of the children for adapting so well to a number of changes in school this week. Well done everyone! We will continue to support and develop their well-being as the weeks go by and if you have any concerns or queries - please do get in touch.

Please check out the following website for some very valuable information on accessing support for your child's mental health and wellbeing:



www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk

PAUSE

TEST AND TRACE PROCEDURES

Playing your part:

- If you develop symptoms, you must continue to follow the rules to self-isolate with ALL members of your household and get a test to find out if you have coronavirus. **YOU MUST INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.**
- If you test positive for coronavirus, you must share information promptly (**PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR RESULT**). You must also notify your recent contacts through the NHS Test and Trace service to help the NHS alert other people who may need to self-isolate.
- If you have had close recent contact with someone who has coronavirus, you must self-isolate if the NHS Test and Trace service advises you to do so. **PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE.**
- If you are returning from travel abroad it is important to check whether you need to self-isolate. **REMEMBER, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL FOR ANY ABSENCES.**

Parents leaning on cars in the staff car park

Some parents have been observed leaning on cars in the school car park while they wait for their children.



Please could parents not lean on cars in the car park.

**Please note: School will be closed on
Monday 19th October for a whole school INSET**

Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

