



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents,



Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=5.5>

This week, we have been very busy in school ensuring that the school continues to keep moving forward despite the many Covid related challenges we have been faced with. Thank you all for your support during what is a very worrying time. It is much appreciated by myself, staff and governors.

Further clarity on Self-isolation

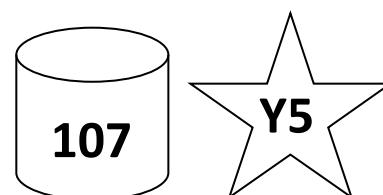
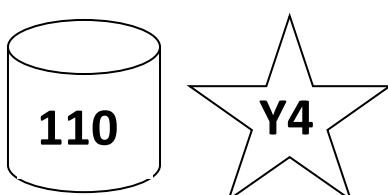
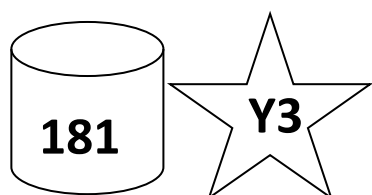
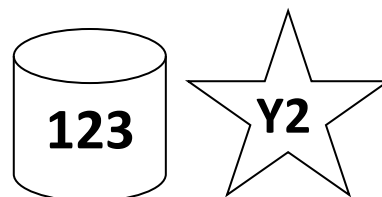
Staff in school have been making regular phone calls to parents of children who are self-isolating at home but many parents are not answering home landline calls. Whilst we appreciate this does not mean that the house is unoccupied, we have been informed that some parents are not adhering to the self-isolation rules. In line with Birmingham lockdown procedures, if your child is required to self-isolate for 14 days, then under no circumstances should your child leave the household. Failure to follow this guidance is breaking lockdown laws which are designed to keep everybody safe in these uncertain times. To clarify, if you have a child in a bubble that is self-isolating, that child should not accompany any siblings on the school drop off and pick up. Please ask another member of the household or a family member to drop and pick up the siblings who are still attending school. If this is not possible, then all children in the household must stay at home and complete home learning activities which will be monitored and marked by staff in school.

Home Learning

We have been in touch with many families over the last 2 weeks in regards to access to BGF.L. Whilst I understand some of you prefer to receive paper copies. We are exploring options to overcome some of the barriers you are facing to home digital learning. We will be in touch with those families soon with an update.

Please continue to stay safe and have a good weekend,
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

STAR AWARDS – Well done to YEAR 1 for earning the most stars this week!!



AIM TO BE PUNCTUAL, NOT LATE!

In the mornings, a number of children are arriving late (after 9am). We have staggered the morning and end of day dismissal times to allow for children to be dropped off and collected as safely as possible. When children arrive late to school after the gates have closed, this means that children must enter through the school front entrance and be escorted to their classroom by a member of staff. This is not only disrupting your child's learning time but also other children in their class and it is taking staff away from important duties. Please remember that we have worked hard to put plans in place to limit the contact your child has outside of their bubble, this is made more difficult when children are late. Of course, we appreciate there are occasions whereby this cannot be helped but for some children this is beginning to become a regular occurrence. You will be notified if this applies to you in writing. Please be on time!



SPORTING ELITE:

Sporting Elite CIC have offered to open **Monday 19th October** for our inset day to parents who need childcare and have to work. It will be at the **Treehurst Community Centre**, they will open from **8am until 6pm**, price will be **£15 per child**. Breakfast, lunch and tea will also be provided. Anyone wishing to book their child can call **Elaina on 07784143124**. Places are limited, so it will be on first come basis. elaina.smith@sporting-elite.com.

Message for Year 6 Parents Only - Secondary Transfer Letters

Please ensure that you have **completed your secondary transfer forms online by: 31st October 2020.**

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you need advice, contact the school office.

Dear parents,

We have seen an increase in issues relating to chat groups outside of school that cause problems in school. Many more children are using chat apps to communicate with others but please ensure your children are using these apps correctly and are not posting inappropriate messages.



School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 19th October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

