



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 13th November 2020



World Kindness Day

Dear Parents and carers,

Today is World Kindness Day and for some of you who are superstitious this will be good to hear on Friday 13th. Hopefully, you will have heard the phrase; *In a world where you can be anything, be kind!*

The current pandemic is providing many challenges for all of us and sometimes when we feel that things are falling apart or there is no plan, we must remember that there is a plan and...

'this too shall pass'. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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



The purpose of **WORLD KINDNESS DAY** is to highlight good deeds in the community because **KINDNESS** is the common thread that unites us all. **NOVEMBER 13**
<http://theworldkindnessmovement.org/>

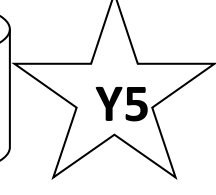
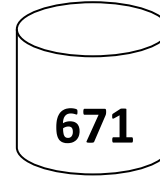
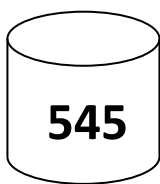
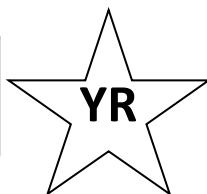
Spread The Word with those around you...

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=9.9>



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



POP BAND AWARDS – The following children have achieved their **WHITE** pop band award:

Flynn(Y6) Jaspreet(Y3) Eliza(Y3) Dylan(Y3) Keeley(Y3) Hristiyan(Y3) Palvi(Y3)
Natalia(Y3) Chase(Y4) Luca(YR) Enya(YR) Kaiyanna (YR) Adam(YR) Sofia(YR)
Piotr(YR) Caitlin(YR) Anaiah(YR) Amal(YR) Mahira(YR) Leonel(YR) Aamir(Y1)
Ezekiel(YR) Taon(Y2) Ryan(Y2) Adam(Y2) Harry(Y6)

The following children have achieved their **YELLOW** pop band award:

Harpreet(Y1) Caitlin(Y1) Vishal(Y6)

PRESENTATION POINTS:



Well done to **YEAR 2** for achieving the most presentation points and being the smartest dressed class this week!!



Please ensure your child is prepared for school and is wearing the correct uniform (earrings, hoodies and trainers on days when your child is not doing P.E. is not allowed).

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Reception	86
Year 1	94
<u>Year 2</u>	100
Year 3	92
Year 4	98
Year 5	99
Year 6	99

REMEMBRANCE DAY



To mark Remembrance Day St Marks's completed a remembrance procession through the hall. This silent vigil allowed each class to pay their respects by laying poppies and offering up prayers for all the soldiers who lost their lives during battle. Miss Francis played 'The Last Post' and candles shone brightly to remember their souls in heaven. A two-minute silence was also held as a mark of respect.

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS



We recognise that the new lockdown restrictions will cause greater financial strain to many of you. This is not an easy time, especially given that already shops are running out of essential supplies. As a school we are able to provide emergency food vouchers for the Great Barr Food Bank, so if you find yourself urgently needing food supplies, please contact the school and we will arrange some vouchers for you.

Also, **Sporting Elite**, are going to be running a small emergency food bank throughout the new lockdown. They will be providing mainly ambient long-life foods and will act on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the school if you would like to receive food parcels during this time.



KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOP



West Midlands Police have been visiting St. Mark's school to deliver a workshop on knife crime. These workshops allow children to explore the concept of safety, support networks, emotion in crime and understanding rights and wrongs, particularly in relation to knife crime. Last week, they visited Year 6 and this week it was Year 5. Next week on Tuesday 17th November, Year 3 and Year 4 will participate in this workshop.



FLU VACCINATION DATE

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their flu vaccination consent forms. Please note, The School Nurse Team will be coming to school on:

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020.

NEW LOCKDOWN MEASURES

You will have received an email from school in regards to important Tier 4 COVID-19 restrictions. Please take time out to read this update and ensure that you comply with the additional protective measures we are informing you about. Any further updates that we receive, can be found on our school website, under the Covid 19 Response page.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – 16th-20th NOVEMBER 2020

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day. All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on **Monday 16th November 2020**, the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.



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 4th January 2021

