



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Last week we sent out a letter offering a Christmas dinner to be delivered to families in need on Christmas Eve by staff at St. Mark's. The response to this has overwhelmed me! So many of you have contacted me to say that you would be willing to help other families this Christmas by donating presents anonymously, delivering meals, wrapping presents etc. We are in the process of compiling a list of presents that families in need would be grateful to receive. More information on ways you can help will follow in next week's newsletter. Further to this, our St. Mark's Friends group have also been very busy making plans and organising funds to ensure that this Christmas will still be made special for the children, despite the Covid pandemic. I always say to the children that I am privileged to work at St. Mark's and to work with such dedicated and talented staff and amazing children who never fail to impress me, but I am also very grateful for the kindness, compassion and support you show to us and to the community of St. Mark's. THANK YOU! We will be sending out all the information about the Christmas festivities that will be taking place this year in next week's newsletter.

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

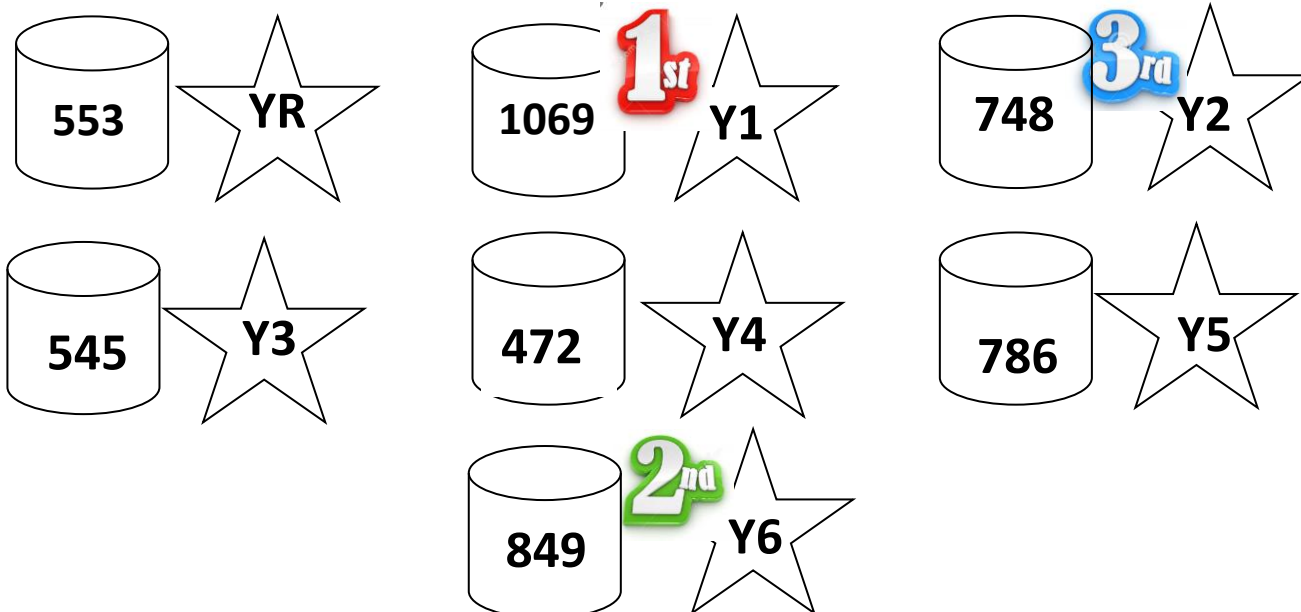


## Spread The Word with those around you...

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=10.10>

## 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:  
 Kai(Y6) Annie(Y6) Nishitha(YR) Dior(YR) Daija(YR) Tianne(YR) Keith(Y6)  
 Summerpreet(Y6) Tianna (Y6) Michael (Y6) Issa (Y6) Taon (Y2) Conor (Y2) Skye (Y2) Adam  
 (Y2) Ivelin (Y2)

The following children have achieved their **YELLOW** pop band award:  
 Josiah(Y1) Isaac(Y1) Rico(Y1) Julia(Y1) Tiya (Y6)



**PRESENTATION POINTS:**

Well done to **YEAR 2 & 6** 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	94
Year 1	96
<u>Year 2</u>	<b>98</b>
Year 3	92
Year 4	93
Year 5	96
Year 6	<b>98</b>

**COLLECTION TIMES OF CHILDREN**

Please see the table below, which states the time in which your child should be collected from school. Please adhere to these times and do not drop/collect your child outside of these times. This is so that your child is not missing any more important learning time than absolutely necessary. For families with children in different year groups, please work with us and come at a suitable time and/or be patient. We ask that all parents/families keep a safe distance of 2 metres from others during drop off and collection times. Please do not hang around the school playground and keep hold of young children.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Reception	8.30-8.45am	2.45-3.00pm	Reception Door
Year 4	8.30-8.45am	2.45-3.00pm	KS2 Door
Year 3	8.30-8.45am	2.45-3.00pm	KS2 Door
Year 1	8.45-9.00am	3.00-3.15pm	KS1 Door
Year 6	8.45-9.00am	3.00-3.15pm	KS2 Door
Year 5	8.45-9.00am	3.00-3.15pm	KS2 Door
Year 2	8.45-9.00am	3.00-3.15pm	Hall Doors from car park

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, our school motto is:

***'Lend a HAND, take a STAND, STOP BULLYING NOW!'***

Our anti-bullying ambassadors for each year are:

- Reception: Dior
- Year 1: Anaiya
- Year 2: Jasdeep
- Year 3: Madhav
- Year 4: Victoria
- Year 5: Aisha
- Year 6: Michael



**EARRINGS**

We have noticed that there are a few children coming in to school with earrings. If your child is to have pierced ears, we suggest that you make arrangements at the start of the summer break, this ensures it is 6 weeks before they can be removed, preventing ears closing up and so that it will not affect school policy on their return to St. Mark's.





## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Please keep an eye out for all the fun activities we are planning for Christmas at St. Mark's in next week's newsletter



## SCHOOL COUNCIL



### \*School Council Announcement - Christmas Raffle!\*

As Christmas is fast approaching and due to the current pandemic, School Council have been discussing ways in which we can help our St. Mark's family and local community. The children have decided they would like to do a raffle to raise money so that families, who are struggling, can receive donations of food and presents this Christmas.

*"We could ask teachers, parents and our families to kindly donate raffle prizes. Maybe if anyone has any creative specialities, e.g. flower arrangements, sweet cones, gift sets or baking etc. they may want to help us out by donating these items?" De'Jaune Y1*

If you think you can help School Council by making a donation - please email the school office. We are compiling a list of presents needed for our families in need. We really appreciate your support. Information of how you can buy raffle tickets will follow next week!

Thank you, School Council 😊

### School Term Dates

#### **Autumn Term 2020**

Term Starts: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

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

Term Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

#### **Spring Term 2021**

Term Starts: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Term Ends: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

#### **Summer Term 2021**

Term Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Term Ends: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

#### Teacher Training Days:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

