



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. We have missed them! In a few weeks' time, after children have settled back into the routine and structure of school life, teachers will be conducting some assessments to ensure gaps in children's learning are identified and addressed rapidly. These assessments will be informal and will be used to support teachers' future planning so we can make the most of every lesson between now and the end of the Summer Term.

Please remember that the school gates now open at 8:35am, the gates no longer open at 8.30am and please note that the gates open at the end of the day at 2.55pm, not 2.45pm. We have a 20minute time slot for children to be dropped off and collected, however, the majority of parents are arriving in the first ten minutes (2.55pm- 3.05pm). As a result, a large crowd of parents are gathering on the playground making social distancing difficult and also difficult for the member of staff on duty to identify all parents promptly to call the children down from the classrooms.

Please appreciate that our aim is to get children out as quickly and as safely as possible, but this is not helped by large crowds of parents gathering on the playground. Please consider the time you arrive to collect your child/ren and how busy this time is so that the following day, you can adjust your timing accordingly. I am going to monitor this for another week as I appreciate that with any new system there are often teething problems, however, if the crowds of parents continue to form, making social distancing difficult, I will allocate specific time slots to classes. Please can we all be sensible and look to see how busy the playground is before we enter it.

Have a good weekend - stay safe!
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

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/self-giving?pid=MTA101634&v=21.2>

Feast of St. Patrick

Wednesday 17th March is the feast of St Patrick. Children are invited to wear an item of **green** that day to celebrate the special feast day.





TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

Dior(YR)	Sofia(YR)	Marcelo(Y1)	Tia(Y1)	Bella(Y1)	Amanah(Y2)
	Evie(Y2)	Adam(Y2)	Hristiyan(Y3)	Eesah(Y3)	Joseph(Y3)
Destiny(Y4)	Blessing(Y4)	Raiyaana(Y4)	Teigan(Y5)	Patrycja(Y5)	
	Ayva(Y5)	Rhia(Y6)	Zayaan(Y6)	Arya(Y6)	

Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Caitlin & Anaiyah

Year 1: Isaac & Valeriya

Year 2: Nathan & Rose-Alicia

Year 3: Jaspreet & Anah-Lia

Year 4: Sienna & Rohan

Year 5: Kimaya & Shanice

Year 6: Tay & Annie



How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

After School Clubs by Sporting Elite

Sporting Elite will be starting multi-sports clubs after school for children next week, **week commencing the 15th March 2021** from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school hall.

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 link to register your child/en
Mondays (starting Monday 15 th March 2021)	Year 5	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJhsg0qeTOWBAdXOR60KgGk1wvYASl9n08fRCFXjtOJosQOw/viewform?usp=sf_link
Tuesdays (starting Tuesday 16 th March 2021)	Year 3	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoHkIU67Ax7IIBCzYIxV7_jPDC5lPPVM2jYzVYDmLN6sCgqg/viewform?usp=sf_link
Thursdays (starting Thursday 18 th March 2021)	Year 6	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWkhT4QgYeKBZGWcsFDZHDs3q8lndADfJ814c9iAo616zJGA/viewform?usp=sf_link
Fridays (starting Friday 19 th March 2021)	Year 4	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeYHwtBi5cOGbVn6dkTw94Owk3ZkHXBrWcSxU6aj9ppqos68g/viewform?usp=sf_link

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



Redevelopment Work

Starting week commencing 22nd March 2021 the school will be undertaking some redevelopment work to make the school pathways safer. This will involve the complete resurfacing of our main entrance pathways. Children's wellbeing and safety is our priority. While this work is being carried out, drop offs and pickups to school will be through the Kingsdown Avenue green gates only. **Year 2 only:** drop offs and pickups will be through the car park green gates adjacent to the caretaker's house. **Only 1 of the car park gates will be open for pedestrians only.** The redevelopment work will also mean that the normal access to the main school office entrance will be unavailable. As a result, for the duration of the redevelopment work, parents / visitors are requested to enter through the school car park gate adjacent to the caretaker's house. Your co-operation during the redevelopment work to improve our school will be much appreciated. While this work will cause some barriers, we are excited for the changes that will be made to enhance our pathways. The projected timeline for the redevelopment is 1-2 weeks. When completed, the new pathways will ensure the safety of all our children, parents and visitors when entering our school building. We will keep you updated on the progress of the work.

Plant Pots!



We are looking for donations of plant pots if you have any lying around that you do not need. We would like to plant some beautiful flowers outside the front of the school to make it look bright and colourful. The plant pots can be any size or shape and don't worry if they need a clean (we can do that!). If you do have any you are happy to donate please bring them to the school office and they will be very gratefully received. Thank you!



School Term Dates

INSET DAY – School will be closed to pupils on Friday 28th May

Spring Term 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

