



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

It was wonderful to welcome ALL the children back this month and thank you to all of YOU. Working with you as parents is crucial to the work we do here at St. Mark's. We recognise that your children have had a very turbulent time this past year and I am sure many of you will have seen changes in your child at one point or another. We have given the children this month time to settle back into the routine of school, become accustomed to St. Mark's behaviour and respect expectations, work with others on all areas of the curriculum and take time to socialise and enjoy all the activities, interactions and familiarities of St. Mark's school again. We are very proud of how well the children have settled back into school life again - well done to all of our amazing children!

After Easter, staff will be organising meetings with you so that they can give you some feedback around your child. These meetings will be taking place the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and you will be able to book your meeting with your child's class teacher the first week back. It's important to us to work together so that we can better support and meet the needs of your children. The purpose of the meetings is to communicate with you how your child has settled back into school life and discuss their progress and attainment so far this year. Staff in school are making the most of every opportunity and are working hard to ensure that we narrow the gap that has occurred due to so much change encountered.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April - parent meetings taking place all day for Years 2, 5 and 6.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - parent meetings taking place all day for Reception, Years 1 and 3.**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April - parent meetings taking place all day for Year 4.**

I wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter. Please enjoy the break and the sunshine. Remember, from the 12th April, restrictions will change again but we ALL must remain vigilant. The school will continue to operate in the same way (in a bubble system) and hygiene and distancing will remain a priority. Staff continue to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly. I remind you all that any family suspected of not adhering to the government guidelines will be challenged and possibly reported as we all have a duty to do what is needed to reduce the transmission risk of Covid. We are not out of the woods yet so please remain vigilant!

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th April.

God bless,

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:



[www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/easter-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=23.4](http://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/easter-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=23.4)



## **TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK**



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

Daija(YR)	Nishitha(YR)	Ellie-Mae(Y1)	Gabriella(Y1)	Natasha(Y1)
Anokh(Y2)	Chioma(Y2)	Ashnan(Y2)	Ali(Y3) Palvi(Y3)	Szymon(Y3)
Destiny(Y4)	Blessing(Y4)	Raman(Y4)	Kimaya(Y5)	Preeti(Y5)
	Ivy(Y5)	Rhia(Y6)	Tiya(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:** Yuvraaj & Timi  
**Year 1:** Caitlin & De'Jaurne  
**Year 2:** Mudassir & Kezzia  
**Year 3:** Diya & Kyle  
**Year 4:** Blessing & Freya  
**Year 5:** Christian & Kieran  
**Year 6:** Isaa & Lacei



## How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

### **When did your child last have an eye test?**

Children may not realise they have a vision problem so, without routine tests, there's a risk a problem may not be spotted. This may affect their development and education.



If you have any concerns about your child's vision, please go to an optician.

### **Research Findings... Food for thought!**

**International Early Learning Child Well-being Study (IELS) conducted research on reading and found the following:**

- By age 5, parents reading to children, helping them read words and sentences, and having back-and-forth conversations is associated with greater development in a range of areas.
- Reading to children at least 5 days a week was associated with greater development in emergent literacy, when compared to those who did this less than once a week.
- Children whose parents helped them to read words and sentences on 3 or more days a week had greater development in both emergent literacy, emergent numeracy, and the self-regulation measures than children whose parents did so less than once a week or never
- Children with more books in the house did better in all areas.
- Parental engagement with schooling was associated with greater development, particularly in social-emotional measures.

# Sporting Elite Multi Sports Club

Unfortunately, due to not being able to mix bubbles still there will be no Year 3 and Year 4 Multi Sports After School Club for the first half of Summer term. To sign up to Multi Sports Club follow the link of your child's club and complete the form. Once submitted you will receive a confirmation email from Sporting Elite before your child's first Multi Sports session. There are limited spaces so sign up ASAP to avoid missing out.

## Year 2 - Mondays

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevRkeqXultK8AaPmh1A88OCbQIQ8wPBvT44aA1AW002Ebc9Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevRkeqXultK8AaPmh1A88OCbQIQ8wPBvT44aA1AW002Ebc9Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## Year 1 - Tuesdays

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## Year 5 - Thursdays

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## Year 6 - Fridays

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## GOVERNOR NEWS – PARENT GOVERNORS' ELECTION RESULTS

The Governing Body of St. Mark's School are delighted to announce the result of the elected parent governor. We welcome 'Mrs Chantel Brooks' who will join the Governing Body at St. Mark's as a parent governor.

### School Term Dates

**INSET DAY – School will be closed to pupils on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Spring Term 2021**

Term Ends: Thursday 1st 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



# Educational Visits - Summer Term

Year Group	Company	Topic	Cost	Date
Year R	Animals in Hand (In school)	Senses, caring for pets	£9.25	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1				
Year 2	Drama Hut (Online)	Great Explorers – Led by Amelia Earhart workshop	£5	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3	Drama Hut (In school)	Ancient Greece (Half day workshop)	£8	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 4		The Mayans (Half day workshop)		
Year 5	Maidenhead Heritage Centre	Online workshop	TBC	TBC
Year 6	West End in school, Matilda the Musical	Matilda the musical based workshop on themes of growing up/transitioning. Dealing with issues such as friendship and transitioning to new schools.	£12	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – 1.30-4.30pm

## Easter Egg/Bonnet Competition Winners!

**Congratulations to our winners, we had some wonderful Easter eggs and bonnets brought in to school so well done to you all! Pictures will be posted on our Twitter feed.**

**Reception - Piotr  
Y3 - Anah-Lia  
Y6 - Aran**

**Y1 – Bella  
Y4 – Raiyaana**

**Y2 - Suriyah  
Y5 - Teigan**

