



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday in the sunshine. It was wonderful to welcome children back to school this week and see so many children looking smartly dressed in their school uniform. We have reverted back to our uniform policy so please, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school. Your support is much appreciated.

Pupil Voice Groups

Anti-bullying Ambassadors

This week, we have started back up our pupil voice groups in school who are crucial in helping us in the work we do. Mrs. Smalling has worked with our anti-bullying ambassadors.

Every break and lunchtime our anti-bullying ambassadors are visible on the playground as they will be wearing an orange hat so any child who is not having a happy playtime can speak to their anti-bullying ambassador and they will help find a solution with some help from an adult.

Rosary Group

Mrs. O'Shea will be starting up Rosary group from next week and this will be taking place of a break time on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our school prayer garden.

Junior PCSO's

Our Junior PCSO's from Year 6 have spoken to our Year 4 class this week about their role. I hope there will be lots of applicants for Junior PCSO's in Year 4 as this is a very important role in our community. Mrs. Nellist and Mrs. Small will be out in force with our new PCSO's next Wednesday so please support the cause and park in a safe place! In addition to the Junior PCSO's being out in force, we also have a new sign outside the school gates on Kingsdown Avenue. Please let this be a reminder that AT ALL TIMES we should be keeping the area outside the school gates on Kingsdown Avenue as safe as possible for our children.

Eco-buddies

Mrs. Nellist is working with our eco-buddies to help our school become more eco-friendly. You can help us by providing your child with a plastic water bottle that can be re-used, so we are not having to throw plastic bottles away on a regular basis.

A big thank you to all of our children, your voice and your opinions matter and we appreciate your feedback because it makes a difference to practice in school, so keep your ideas coming! 😊

Have a lovely weekend,
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/holiday?pid=MTA101634&v=29.11>



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



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

(YR) Piotr	(YR) Daija	(Y1) Josiah	(Y1) Harpreet	(Y1) Tia
(Y2) Taon	(Y2) Ava	(Y2) Suriyah	(Y3) Amen	(Y3) Eline
(Y3) Eliza	(Y4) Christina	(Y4) Destiny	(Y4) Aoki	(Y5) Rayan
(Y5) Trae	(Y5) Ivy	(Y6) Sara-Maria	(Y6) Arya	(Y6) Afreya

Congratulations & 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: Tianne & Aman

Year 1: Natasha & Shaheen

Year 2: Kezzia & Jasdeep

Year 3: Jaspreet & Shakur

Year 4: Anjali & Zia

Year 5: Elena & Teigan

Year 6: Keith & Afreya

WINDRUSH DAY 2021

On **Tuesday 22nd June**, St. Mark's we will all be celebrating Windrush Day 2021. The day honours the British Caribbean community, and the half a million people who travelled to the UK after the Second World War.

Children are invited to wear clothes from the Caribbean culture/ brightly coloured clothes and bring **£1** to raise money to provide the children with activities to teach them about the Windrush generation.

If anyone in our school community wishes to get involved with talking to the children, bringing in any artefacts, sharing stories/experiences or wants to get involved in anyway - please contact the school office! We look forward to hearing from you!



Healthy Lifestyles



Promoting a healthy lifestyle at St. Mark's is crucial as we want to ensure that children live healthy and happy lives. Children's physical health is largely determined by what they eat and the activities that they undertake.

To educate our children on healthy lifestyles and engage them in healthy eating, Mrs. Beresford is giving Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 the opportunity to attend a healthy eating cookery class. At this class, the children will be able to taste a selection of healthy foods and also recognise why food labels are important. There are many foods that appear 'healthy' but contain a high amount of sugar.

This cookery class is free of charge and we would like as many children as possible to attend this.

Year 5's cookery class will be held on Monday 14th June

Year 4's cookery class will be held on Monday 21st June

Year 3's cookery class will be held on Monday 28th June

Year 2's cookery class will be held on Monday 5th July



Please email enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk to confirm your child's place at their cookery class by Monday 14th June. The class will be held from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please email school with any allergy concerns.

School Photos!

The school photographer will be coming into school on Monday 14th June 2021 to take individual photos of the children so can we please ensure all children are in school and in their full school uniform.



Diary Dates

For your
Diary



Dates for Diary: -


Monday 14 th June 2021	Internet Safer Workshop Day Key Stage 2 classes
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Internet Safety Workshop
Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Y6 Confirmation Mass 7:00pm
Thurs 17 th & Fri 18 th June	Y6 Residential to Upton Warren
Saturday 26 th June 2021	Y4 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Saturday 3 rd July 2021	Y3 First Holy Communion 3.30pm
Wednesday 14 th July 2021	Y6 Enterprise Event (after school)
Friday 16 th July 2021	End of year reports will be provided to parents
Monday 19 th July 2021	Y6 Treat day



Our Friends of St. Mark's had a meeting with Mrs. Linley on Monday this week and we are hopeful that we can organise and manage a Summer Fayre safely this year. The event will be held outside - all the stalls will be well distanced and situated around the perimeter of the school so parents and children will be able to walk around the school outside to access everything. Stalls will start at the front of the school, there will be some stalls by the prayer garden, by the Reception and Year 1 classrooms, on the Key Stage 1 and 2 playground and parents will be able to leave down the side of the school by the hub building where Helping Hands is situated.

Further information about what is expected at the Summer Fayre will be given out to you nearer the time (we are waiting to see what the Government announcements). If you are interested in running a stall (perhaps you started a lockdown hobby and have some crafts to sell?) To have a stall at our fayre, we request £20 and whatever you sell is yours to keep. This year we request that no hot food other than what the school kitchen will offer is sold. If you are interested in running a stall or you are able to help the other parents who volunteer to lead events like these - please contact Payal Gordhan or the school office and leave your details.


Events like the Summer Fayre are great ways for members of our community to come together, so any support offered will be greatly appreciated! 😊



School Term Dates

Summer Term 2021
Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Autumn Term 2021
Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September 2021 are Staff INSET days so school is closed to all pupils.
Term Starts: Monday 6th September 2021



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