



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week Ending 06th September 2019

welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. This week we welcomed our new Reception class, our new Deputy Headteacher; Mr. Hemmingway and Miss Ward; our new office administrator to St. Mark's. Mrs. Harbord will be joining us next week and she will be in school every Monday to teach Year 5. I wish all the newcomers a very successful start to a bright future at St. Mark's.

Over the Summer holiday, we had much of the work we informed you about before the Summer completed, however, due to delays from the manufacturers of some materials, some of the work has had to be re-scheduled. I will keep you informed regarding the progress of the work yet to be undertaken. Our new school library is almost at the end of completion, we will notify you in the next newsletter of when we will be holding an open event for this.

Lastly, although many of St. Mark's children arrive at school looking very smart, I have noticed that some children have returned to school not dressed appropriately and in line with the school uniform policy. Every day, presentation points are collected from each class. If children are not presented appropriately, for example; wearing earrings, wearing trainers, have nail varnish on etc, then a point is deducted from the class total. Please ensure your child/ren has the correct uniform and is presented appropriately for school.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Attendance for this week:



Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception			Year 4	92.5%	1
Year 1	94.6%	2	Year 5	84.6%	0
Year 2	93.3%	0	Year 6	98.3%	0
Year 3	92.5%	0	School	92.6%	3



Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving an award in our Congratulations assembly this week. Keep up the great work!



- Year 1:** Evie & Delphi
- Year 2:** Bobby & Eesah
- Year 3:** Chase & Daniel
- Year 4:** Ayva & Kian
- Year 5:** Rhia & Tiya
- Year 6:** Zara & Gideon

Individual Photographs



Class photographs will be taken **Friday 13th September 2019**. Please ensure your child is dressed up in their full uniform.

Mrs. Linley's Summer Reading Challenge!

A big WELL DONE to all of the children who brought back their Summer reading challenge cards. Mrs. Linley was very impressed with the super effort made by all of you.

Well done!! Certificates and prizes will be given out in Monday's assembly.

Mass Dates

Fr. Vincent is currently on annual leave so we will be having morning liturgies with Br. Andrew until he returns. Please see upcoming dates below:



Mass
Schedule

Thursday 12th September – Liturgy led by staff
Thursday 19th September – Liturgy led by Year 6
Thursday 26th September – Mass led by Year 5

*please
join us*

Parking and Congestion



The car park is for staff use **only**. Unfortunately we are finding many parents are using this car park to drop and collect their children; both before and after school or for Helping Hands.

This **MUST** stop. This can cause a hazard if children are walking through the car park. Parents **must not** use the car park at any time during the day. We advise parking on the road and escorting children in and out of school.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Term Dates

Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
Tuesday 3 rd September To Friday 25 th October -Half Term- Monday 4 th November To Friday 20 th December	Monday 6 th January To Friday 14 th February -Half Term- Monday 24 th February To Friday 3 rd April	Monday 20 th April To Friday 22 nd May -Half Term- Monday 1 st June To Friday 17 th July

Dates for Diaries

- Y3 & Y4 swimming begins **Thursday 12th September**
- Class Group Photographs – **Friday 13th September**
- St. Mark's Annual Open Morning for Prospective Parents – **Friday 7th November**

God Bless

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