



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week Ending 13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

New school Library!

On Thursday 19th September, we will be holding our Open Day event for our new school library. All classes will spend some time in our new school library during the day and we are inviting you as parents to come and visit it too after school between 3pm and 4pm.

I would like to thank St. Mark's Friends who have supported the library project by funding the wide selection of books the children will now be able to read and the school Governing Body for supporting the whole project. Thank you to the staff and children for enthusiastically being part of the decision-making process and choosing the design for our new library. Thank you also to Miss Allen who has worked tirelessly to organise the library and home reading books. As a school, we are working to foster a love of reading in our children and the new library will allow all children at St. Mark's to grow and nurture their reading skills and their enjoyment of reading.

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	96.7%	3
Year 1	97.5%	3	Year 5	97.1%	2
Year 2	96.7%	1	Year 6	98.3%	2
Year 3	98.3%	8	School	97.4%	19



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: Ralph & Amanah

Year 2: Diya & Olivier

Year 3: Crystal & Sachin

Year 4: Anushka & Jesse

Year 5: Flynn & Kai

Year 6: Dawid & Maisie

Climate Change Workshops

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children this week had a workshop on climate change delivered by CAFOD. Next week, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have their climate change workshop.

"We recycle and we save water" by Amanah in Year 1

New behaviour Reward System

POP Stars at St. Marks

Following feedback from children, we are introducing an additional behaviour system at St. Mark's called POP stars. POP stands for Praise of Pupil and we want to reward children that show an outstanding quality. This might include completing a fantastic piece of work, having excellent behaviour, or simply being a superb member of class or school. When the child shows this quality they will be given a star on their chart in the classroom. If they reach the magic total of twenty stars in a half-term, they will get the coloured wrist band of the half-term and something special at the end of each term which they will be able to wear in school for the rest of that day. The colour wrist bands are:

Autumn Term 1 - WHITE
Autumn Term 2 - YELLOW
Spring Term 1 - ORANGE
Spring Term 2 - BLUE
Summer Term 1 - PURPLE
Summer Term 2 - BLACK

The House Points system will remain in place to encourage team spirit. There now won't be a Good Day Trip but the winning house will now have 30 minutes of extra play with the equipment and resources at the end of the term.

Planetarium Visit at St. Mark's



On Tuesday, Year 2 and Year 5 children had a planetarium visit where they learned about 'Space'.

'When I went to the planetarium, I learnt lots about space. I was fascinated. I learnt about all the planets and how big they are. The man, called Kurt said that the sun is a small star. There are stars bigger than the sun! Kurt showed me a video about day and night. Did you know Jupiter and Saturn are the biggest planets? They are made out of gas so they are called gas giants.' By Arya in Year 5

School Term Dates

Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
Tuesday 3 rd September To Friday 25 th October -Half Term- Tuesday 5 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

For your
Diary

- **Teacher Training Day – Monday 4th November**
- **St. Mark's Annual Open Day for Prospective Parents – Thursday 7th November from 10.30am**
- **MacMillan Cake Sale all week from Monday 23rd September**
- **Welcome service - Friday 4th October**

Take
Note

Hairstyles

Please remember that long hair must be tied back in school. Please do not overly decorate your child's hair as many children are getting distracted by either their own hair or another person's hair. Please DO NOT put hair beads, oversized bows, clips and hair jewellery in your child's hair.



Many thanks, Mrs Linley