



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a very successful 'Vocations Week' in school this week. The children have been thinking about what they have been called to be. Vocation is not simply about jobs and the future - it is living out our calling to serve God in every day. We have had many visitors come into school this week to inspire and engage the children in responding to their vocation. A big thank you to all of you who gave up your time to come and speak to the children about this important subject matter.

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.

St. John Henry Newman

Good behaviour and a good attitude is fundamental to children achieving success at St. Mark's and success in the future. It gives me great pleasure to see children at St. Mark's doing good things just for the good of doing it and because morally, they know it is the right thing to do.

God bless,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Attendance for this week:



Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	93	6	Year 4	98	4
Year 1	91	1	Year 5	93	5
Year 2	95	6	Year 6	99	1
Year 3	94	4	School	95	27



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!



Reception: Alexander & Tia
Year 1: Kezzia & Jasdeep
Year 2: Zakaria & Adam
Year 3: Zia & Dilshaan
Year 4: Aadam & Jesse
Year 5: Vishal & Jeremiah
Year 6: Siana & Nikolay



Reading Volunteers

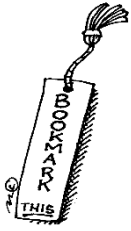
Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer? Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and grandparents can make a big difference.

If you can spare a little time each week to hear some children read then please speak to the school office. Just volunteering for one hour a week can make a big difference, you could arrive at 2.15pm and stay until your child/ren finish the school day. All we ask is that we must carry out a check first to confirm that you are safe to work with children and that you can read and speak English well.

Please support us support your child/ren.



Bookmark competition



As a school we are introducing ERIC time. ERIC time stands for EVERYONE READING IN CLASS. From next week, the children will be using a small amount of their lunch time to enjoy and nurture their love of reading. Children will be allowed to choose their book from the new school library. To support ERIC time, I would like the children to have some fun and create their own bookmark. I am looking forward to judging the best bookmark on Monday – good luck everyone!

Computing Workshops:

Year 2:	Monday 25 th November	2-3pm
Reception:	Tuesday 26 th November	9-10am
Year 4:	Tuesday 26 th November	2-3pm
Year 3:	Wednesday 27 th November	2-3pm
Year 5:	Thursday 28 th November	2-3pm
Year 6:	Thursday 5 th December	2-3pm
Year 1:	Friday 29 th November	9-10am



Mass
Schedule

Thursday Mass Dates

Family and friends are very welcome to join us on the following dates:
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 6 MASS

Family Mass

On Sunday 24th November 2019 it is Youth Sunday and to mark this important event in our Church calendar, we are inviting all of our St. Mark's families to attend Mass at Holy Name Church. Please come and join us for this!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT HOLY NAME CHURCH – SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER (AFTER 12.30 MASS)

HOLY NAME PARISH WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DONATE ANY BOTTLES FOR THEIR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAYRE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS, PLEASE BRING YOUR BOTTLES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



SMF Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to invite you to the SMF Christmas fayre on Friday 6th December from 3.30pm till 5.00pm.

It will be great fun for all the family. There will be a variety of stalls to visit, Santa's grotto, raffle prizes and plenty more!

As it can get very busy, we please request that parents accompany their children at all times.

Children will need to be collected as normal and can then come through to the fayre with their parents.

We would like to thank all our parents who have helped to support the Christmas fayre with all their contributions.

We look forward to seeing you!



CHRISTMAS DINNER - Wednesday 11th December

Children who usually bring a packed lunch on this day are welcome to join us.
Please pay £2.35 via ParentPay on payment item - *Christmas Dinner 2019* **before Friday 29th November.**



Nativity Performance - Key Stage 1 Thursday 12th December at 2pm

SMF Christmas Disco

The SMF team are holding their Christmas disco on Friday 13th December from 3.30pm till 4.30pm.
Children can come in to school in non-uniform on this day.

There is an entrance fee of £2.50- which includes unlimited squash and a packet of crisps.

Could we please ask parents to bring in the entrance fee in a labelled envelope with the child's name and class to be given in the morning. Spending money can be given separately to the children for the evening.



We look forward to seeing you at the disco



KS2 CAROL CONCERT

This year, St. Mark's will hold its annual Key Stage 2 carol concert at Holy Name Church on the evening of Tuesday 17th December at 7pm. There will be hot drinks and mince pies served afterwards in the Holy Name Church Centre. We hope you will support us by joining us for this festive occasion.

Dates for Diaries:

- **Family Mass** - Holy Name Church, Great Barr at 10:30am - **Sunday 24th November 2019**
- **Non-uniform Day** - Friday 6th December 2019 - **£1 (contribution)**
- **Christmas Fayre** - Friday 6th December 2019 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **Christmas meal** - Wednesday 11th December 2019
- **Nativity** - Key Stage 1 - **Thursday 12th December** - 2pm
- **Christmas Disco** - Friday 13th December - 3.30-4.30pm
- **Key stage 2 Carol concert** - Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at Holy Name Church
- **Teachers' Training Days:** Monday 6th January 2020 *and* Friday 17th January 2020



NEW DATE for Flu Nasal Vaccination spray – Friday 13th December 2019