



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our news reports are constant reminders of the international concerns around coronavirus. As a school, we receive regular guidance from the Department for Education and we follow this guidance. Please continue to remind your child of the importance of hand washing and hygiene (if you would like a paper copy of the poster we included in last week's newsletter then you can pick one up from the school office). We continue to take appropriate measures in school (regular handwashing and slight changes to usual routines in Mass).

I am pleased to say that the children have been very sensible and have been following guidelines in school. We will continue sharing as much information as we can with you. Please keep those that have been affected by the virus and their families in your prayers.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Thursday Mass Dates

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020

YEAR 5

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020

YEAR 4

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2020

YEAR 3

Tag Rugby at Hamstead Hall

On Thursday some of the Year 4 children went to Hamstead Hall to take part in a Tag Rugby Event.

- **Amani** – *today was a fantastic day. There were 10 activities, each game included team work, my favourite game was Rob The Nest.*
- **Anaya** – *we played many games such as rugby, rounders statues and tag, my favourite game was Rob The Nest.*
- **Rayan** – *my favourite game was Break out Tag, I enjoyed today and would do it again.*
- **Aadam** – *I played rugby my favourite game was Ball Touch. I really enjoyed playing this game because the pace of it was very fast.*
- **Anayah** – *we worked well as a team to complete all the tasks, the activity that I enjoyed the most was Tag Rugby, because it gave me more knowledge about rugby.*

Twinkl online resources



Twinkl is offering every parent in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. This will give you access to high-quality learning should there be any periods of disruption or school closures.

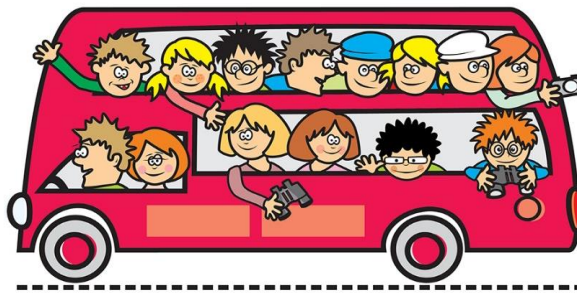
Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

School Trips & Visits

School trips will go ahead as planned **Year 5** will be visiting Haden Hill on Tuesday 17th March we have received reassurance from Haden Hill that Year 5 will be the only group visiting on that day. There will be no contact with members of the public or any other school groups.

Reception will visit Ash End Farm on Tuesday 17th March, we contacted the venue after some parental concerns were raised and Ash End Farm has advised that there will be no physical contact with the animals even though there is no risk of contracting the coronavirus. This trip is open air and there will be no direct contact with other school groups.

We would recommend that children should bring some antibacterial hand gel to ensure that their hands are kept clean throughout the visit.



Congratulations and Well Done!

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



Reception: Tia & Rajveer
Year 1 Chioma & Aaryan
Year 2: Anah-Lia & Myles
Year 3: Freya & Anjali
Year 4: Shanice & Raphael
Year 5: Kiya & Rhia
Year 6: Oskar & Maisie



Attendance for this week



Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	91.4%	1	Year 4	98.3%	1
Year 1	97.5%	0	Year 5	99.2%	1
Year 2	97.4%	0	Year 6	99.2%	1
Year 3	99.2%	0	School	98.5%	4



Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 20th March** (9am – 10am) Mother's Day Assembly
- **Friday 20th March** – Yr 5 & Yr6 Stations of the Cross (letter to follow to Yr 5 & Yr 6 Parents)
- **Friday 27th March** - French Day
- **Monday 30th March** – Holy Week Assemblies
- **Thursday 2nd April** - Winning House Trip (*names of children to be confirmed*)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 3rd April** 2pm – 2.30pm– KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – Parents welcome
- **Friday 3rd April 2.30pm – 3pm** – KS2 Easter Egg Competition
- **Monday 27th April** – Yr 4 Parents Meeting 3.30pm – Multiplication & Times Table Tests

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH	Y4
Friday 22nd May	Y1
Friday 26th June	Y2
Thursday 9th July	Y6

Cultural Community Events - Saturday 14th March

Free Recorder Classes - 10:00-11:00 - Brandhall Library

Craft Club - 11:00 - 12:00 - Brandhall Library

Art Trail Activity Bags (Collect from Gallery Reception) - 10:00 - 17:00 - Walsall Art Gallery

Community Litter Pick (Meet near Hurst Road Community centre) - 10:00 - 12:00 - Thimblemill Brook

School Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

School will close for the Easter break on **Friday 3rd April 2020**

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: **Monday 20 April 2020**

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2020

Teacher Training Day: Monday 20th July 2020