



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am sure the most recent government announcement will have brought with it some concerns for you and your family. I want to assure you that we will continue to do our utmost to support you and your children. The following information has been taken from the most updated government guidance:

'Schools continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions.

Being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time.

The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can take action to reduce risks still further.'

Please keep yourselves and your families safe by adhering to the new lock down measures. We understand for many, these are testing times but the restrictions are to support us all. Please also note that due to the serious nature of the lockdown restrictions if we are made aware of any families not adhering to the new lockdown measures, we will be reporting this to the appropriate authorities.

Take care and stay safe
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

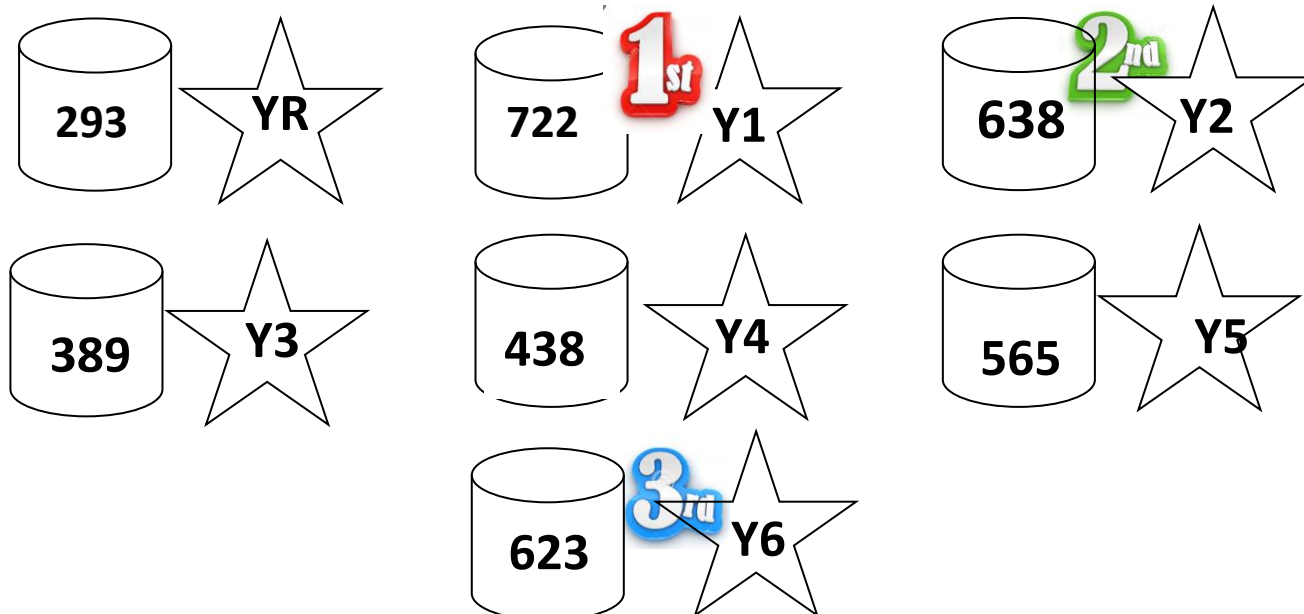


Spread The Word with those around you...

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/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=8.8>

STAR AWARDS – Well done to YEAR 1 for earning the most stars this week!!



POP BAND AWARDS – The following children have achieved their **WHITE** pop band award:

Hafiz(Y6) Jeremiah(Y6) Angela(Y6) Nathan(Y1) Ellie(Y1) Marcello(Y1)
Anaiya(Y1) Imaan(Y1) Chinaza(Y1) Mia(Y1) Ameni(Y3) Prabhkirat(Y3)
Kyle(Y3) Zakaria(Y3) Reuben (Y3) Nasri(Y3) Zahra(Y4) Savaun(Y4)
Shyan(Y4) Hubert(Y4) Raman(Y4) Anjali(Y4) Christina(Y4) Kimaya(Y5)
Amani(Y5) Aadam(Y5) Preeti(Y5) Kieran(Y5) Rayan(Y5) Teigan(Y5)
Claudia(Y5) Ania(Y5)

PRESENTATION POINTS:



Well done to **YEAR 4** for achieving the most presentation points and being the smartest dressed class this week!!



Please ensure your child is prepared for school and

is wearing the correct uniform (earrings, hoodies and trainers on days when your child is not doing P.E. is not allowed).

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Reception	53
Year 1	57
Year 2	59
Year 3	52
Year 4	60
Year 5	56
Year 6	58

PLANNERS

Well done and thank you to all the children who are remembering to bring their planner in to school on a daily basis. Please remember that reading is compulsory and fundamental to children's education as it unlocks doors to many areas of the curriculum.

Your child should be reading a little every night and this must be recorded and signed in your child's planner. Please support us by ensuring that your child is bringing their planner in to school on a DAILY basis. Many thanks!



EXCITING NEWS!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Khan is expecting her second baby. Mrs. Khan's' baby is due in the Spring term so we will keep you posted on what changes will occur in the future. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Khan and their family our best wishes on such wonderful news. Congratulations!



P.E. AT ST MARK'S

Year 6 will continue to have their PE day on a Monday this half term and their focus will be athletics. Reception and Year 1 will be improving their dancing skills with the support of Ms. Rabone from DanceXchange on a Monday too. Multi-skills will be the theme for Year 2 on Tuesday and athletics for Year 5 on Wednesday. Mr. McLoughlin will be supporting the delivery of athletics in Year 4 on a Thursday and Year 3 on a Friday.

As mentioned in the newsletter before half term, Mr. McLoughlin will continue to offer after-school clubs. Year 1 are on Monday, Year 2 on Tuesday, Year 4 on Thursday and Year 3 on Friday. Please contact Mr. McLoughlin on [Info@sportingelite.com]Info@sportingelite.com for more details.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>P.E DAY</u>	<u>SPORTING ELITE CLUB DAY</u>
Reception	Monday	(No Club)
Year 1	Monday	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday	Friday
Year 4	Thursday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	(No Club)
Year 6	Monday	(No Club)

YEAR 6 – PARENT COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Dear Year 6 parents, this year, your child will sit their end of Key Stage 2 assessment and having already missed a significant amount of time from school, we are working hard to provide children with the best support possible. This often involves utilising every minute and every hour in the day. Therefore, often children are still working hard in lessons until 3pm (Please remember that the requested collection time for Year 6 is 3.00pm - 3.15pm). Therefore, any parent arriving at school earlier than 3pm to pick up a child in Year 6 will be asked to wait on the playground until your child is ready. This is so that your child is not missing any more important learning time than absolutely necessary.

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

We recognise that the new lockdown restrictions will cause greater financial strain to many of you. This is not an easy time, especially given that already shops are running out of essential supplies. As a school we are able to provide emergency food vouchers for the Great Barr Food Bank, so if you find yourself urgently needing food supplies, please contact the school and we will arrange some vouchers for you.



Also, **Sporting Elite**, are going to be running a small emergency food bank throughout the new lockdown. They will be providing mainly ambient long-life foods and will act on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the school if you would like to receive food parcels during this time.

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 4th January 2021

