



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in school, children learned about Human Rights Day and what our human rights are. I hope that this knowledge will inspire children to learn from activists such as Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela, as they were catalysts for change in society. It is because of activists such as these that we celebrate and remember what our human rights are, we must never forget the sacrifices people before us have made to ensure that the world we live in is a fair and just one. Our children need to know that they too can be catalysts for change and we aim to instil in them an education at St. Mark's whereby they do not only learn the fundamental skills needed for Secondary school but skills needed to succeed and thrive in the changing world around them.

Have a good weekend,  
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/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>

## END OF YEAR SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Well done to the following children, who have been chosen by their teacher, for being a **SUPERSTAR** throughout this term. They will each be receiving a £5 gift voucher for WHSmith, next week.



- RECEPTION:** Leo, Tida, Manha, Julia, Dottie, Mahira & Caitlin
- YEAR 1:** Julia, Harpreet, Josiah, Caitlin, Rico, Sophie & Adam
- YEAR 2:** Ava, Mudassir, Ashnan, Ralph, Fionn, Alex & Hena
- YEAR 3:** Joshua, Ali, Eesah, Palvi, Zuzanna, Elisia & Anah-lia
- YEAR 4:** Zahra, Raiyaana, Christina, Rohan, Destiny, Freya & Taisia
- YEAR 5:** Kian, Kimaya, Adam, Preeti, Claudia, Anushka & Daisy
- YEAR 6:** Vishal, Tiya, Afreya, Moiz, Kiya, Lacey & Arya



### PRESENTATION POINTS:

Well done to **YEARS 2, 4, 5 & 6** for achieving the most presentation points and being the smartest dressed classes 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).

YEAR:	POINTS
Reception	59
Year 1	N/A
Year 2	60
Year 3	57
Year 4	60
Year 5	60
Year 6	60

### TIDY CLASSROOM

This week the class that achieved the Tidy Classroom award is **'RECEPTION'**



## **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES – DATES FOR DIARY**

**Tuesday 15th December** - Christmas Dinner day for Reception and Year 2.

**Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Dinner day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Friday 18th December** - Christmas jumper day - all children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper to school but they should still wear the correct trousers/skirt and shoes.



This year we will not be operating a Christmas post box due to Covid.



## **CHRISTMAS CAROL CD**

Unfortunately, Year 1 will not be singing on the CD, as the bubble had to self-isolate, but there are lots of other happy and cheerful songs you can listen to. If you have ordered a CD or digital copy, they will be given to the children to take home by **Friday 18th December 2020.**



## **REINDEER VISIT – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that a representative of Santa's reindeers contacted us this week in relation to the visit we had organised for Monday. Unfortunately, two members of staff who are employed to look after Santa's reindeers have COVID and are therefore unable to accompany Santa's reindeers to St. Mark's School on Monday. Mrs Hussain in the office has made numerous calls appealing for help but sadly, Santa's reindeers will stay in Santa's grotto. However, we as a school are looking at another fun and exciting experience we can provide for the children after Christmas so watch this space!

## **'LIFE TO THE FULL'**

'Life to the Full' days will be taking place once every half term, to allow children to settle back into school and to promote positive relationships and well-being after each half term break. These days will be an opportunity for children to explore the new RSE curriculum, understanding how to:

- Build healthy relationships with others around us.
- Build relationships with God.
- Learn how our bodies change and grow in a child friendly, age-appropriate way.
- Explore how to treat ourselves and others with dignity and respect.
- Explore how to stay safe in a world where social media and the internet are readily accessible.

This new curriculum is inclusive to all children and families. The lessons taught are in line with our Catholic faith and delivered through, story, song and prayer. 'Life to the Full' day dates are:

- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Please remember to read the letter on RSE curriculum – these were sent out earlier in the week.



## **TRAFFIC CONES-**

Traffic cones are back out on Kingsdown Avenue now of a morning as Mrs. Linley has observed some parents parking inconsiderately. Please with poor weather conditions - frost and ice, roads are very slippy, so drive slowly and be mindful you are next to a school!



Since returning to school and children now having to wear trainers for P.E. on certain days, we have noticed that there are a good number of children in Key Stage 2 who are unable to tie their shoelaces. Please can you spend some time getting your child to practise this essential skill.

Many thanks!



Two members of school council drew the raffle this morning, we have 22 winners (that can choose 2 prizes each on a first come, first served basis). Overall, we raised **£155!**

Thank you very much for your contributions - this was much appreciated!

**Winners are:**

1. 746-750 (Brady Y1)
2. 691-695 (Harry and Bella Y6 and Y1)
3. 866-870 (Tiya Y6)
4. 841-845 (Zia Y4)
5. 171-175 (Ashnan Y2)
6. 496-500 (Dylan Y2)
7. 456-460 (Chioma Y2)
8. 766-770 (Lyla Y3)
9. 541-545 (Yuvraaj Rec)
10. 211-215 (Flynn Y6)
11. 661-665 (Afreyia Y6)
12. 636-640 (Piotr Rec)
13. 411-415 (Claudia Y5)
14. 476-480 (Victoria Y4)
15. 676-680 (De'Jaurne Y1)
16. 276-280 (Fionn Y1)
17. 256-260 (Tay Y6)
18. 711-715 (Kai Y6)
19. 216-220 (Eliza Y3)
20. 836-840 (Amy Y4)
21. 506-510 (Vishal Y6)
22. 621-625 (Mia Y1)

**School Term Dates**

**Autumn Term 2020**

Term Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Spring Term 2021**

Term Starts: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Term Ends: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Summer Term 2021**

Term Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Term Ends: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Teacher Training Days:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Reminder - first day back is an INSET so Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December is when children will  
return**