



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are a Year 6 parent, please ensure you have the Secondary transfer form deadline date in your diary (**31st October 2021**). I am aware that some open evenings have already taken place, and I would encourage you all to visit a range of secondary schools to help you decide on your child's secondary school education. If you are unable to physically visit a school, please check their website as some schools are offering virtual tours and some schools are accommodating tours for parents during the school day or on an alternative evening. This year, we will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Reception parents on Thursday 11th November at 4.30pm, we will be sending further information out about this soon!

Today marks the first day of Black History Month, a very important month in our school calendar at St. Mark's. This month our children will be learning about the importance of equality, richness of diversity and the impact this has on society. In school we are in the process of creating a diversity display and we would like this to reflect our school community highlighting the many different cultures and backgrounds of our families, as this is something we are very proud of at St. Mark's. We would be grateful if you could send in a family photo to - enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk and we will print this off in school. We would appreciate if you could send this in by next Friday (8th October).

Finally, thank you to all those parents who have supported us by ensuring children are dressed appropriately and smartly for school. Hair, jewellery, trainers, earrings, extreme haircuts and nail varnish are not permitted and children should be in school every day with the correct school uniform on. The weather is changing and we very much want our children to be outside at playtimes so please ensure they have a coat in school every day. Homework records show that children are completing homework weekly and any homework not completed is reported to parents in the first instance - thank you for your support on this - it is much appreciated! Homework supports children to **know more and remember more** and it shows you as parents what is expected of your child and what they can do.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

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/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=39.20>

Sustainability - fulfilling our Laudato si' mission

This week in school Mrs Teall introduced a compost bin into the school dinner hall so that certain left over foods would not be wasted but instead used to fill our compost bin in the school field. Apple cores are brilliant leftovers food for the compost bin and an apple is also one of your child's five a day pieces of fruit and veg - therefore a win win!



Year 6 secondary transfer forms

Just to remind you that the deadline to submit your transfer forms for your 6 child's secondary school applications is **31st October 2021** please sure you get them sent off in time.



Test your knowledge on space with this quick quiz!
Please send your answers to Miss Francis - there will be prizes!

- 1) In which year did the first person walk on the moon?
- 2) What was the name of the mission for the moon landings?
- 3) Name the four planets known as the 'gas giants'.
- 4) Who was the first British astronaut in space?
- 5) How long does it take light to travel from the Sun to Earth?

Appeal for dressing up clothes

If you have any spare dressing up outfits that your child/ren have outgrown they would be really appreciated by our reception class for their home corner. If you have any that you are happy to donate, please bring them to the school office. Many thanks

Presentation Points

In order for children to score 100 points, all children need to be dressed in the correct uniform every day - that means no trainers unless they have been asked to wear them, no nail varnish, no earrings and red school jumpers please.

Reception - 100

Year 1 - 100

Year 2 - 100

Year 3 - 98

Year 4 - 93

Year 5 - 97

Year 6 - 96

Well done Years Reception, 1 & 2
Keep up the good work!



Attendance figures so far this term

Reception - 90.9%

Year 1 - 92.2%

Year 2 - 95.8%

Year 3 - 96.9%

Year 4 - 95.7%

Year 5 - 94.5%

Year 6 - 94.3%

Well done everyone but in particular well done to **year 3** who have the highest attendance so far! Keep it up!



Congratulations & Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Jawdan & Jasleen

Year 1: Tianne & Julia

Year 2: Marcelo & Adam

Year 3: Mudassir & Kezzia

Year 4: Zara & Zuanna

Year 5: Christina & Chase

Year 6: Shanice & Kimaya

Our values for this half term are Eloquent and Truthful

Our children are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relationship between people and the world. This half term our children's mission is to consider when we talk to each other, how we choose our words - we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Please help your children to write prayers focussed on our virtues when they bring home the prayer bag.

Values & Virtues of the Week

- Reception** – Ibraheem for being kind and caring to Eseye and giving him his toys.
Year 1 - Mahira for setting a great example to others at all times.
Year 2 - Caitlin for always supporting others and treating them with respect.
Year 3 - Ava for always speaking to others with dignity and respect.
Year 4 - Natalia for reading eloquently in Mass.
Year 5 - Raiyaana for always being responsible and honest.
Year 6 - Jesse for showing respect to others and having a great week.



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

(YR) Ibraheem

(YR) Megan

(YR) Kanhaiya

(Y1) Mahia

(Y1) Luca

(Y1) Dottie

(Y2) Eva

(Y2) Joey

(Y2) Harpreet

(Y3) Amanah

(Y3) Delphi

(Y3) Alex

(Y4) Zuzanna

(Y4) Nishika

(Y4) Eesah

(Y5) Daniel

(Y5) Sienna

(Y5) Zahra

(Y6) Teigan

(Y6) Preeti

(Y6) Elena

Healthy Eaters

This week's Healthy Eaters awards go to, Caelan in Reception and Raphael in year 6. Well done both of you and keep making healthy food choices!



School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 22nd October is a staff INSET day so school is closed to all pupils

Half term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021



Spring Term 2022

School opens: Tuesday 4th January 2022

*Apologies, these was an error on the term dates on last weeks newsletter, the term dates above are correct. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.