



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Well done to all of those children who have represented our school fantastically well again this week, demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning. Year 6, Year 4 and Reception have all been out on a school trip and the feedback from staff at the venues was very positive. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied the children and staff on these visits - without your support, these trips would not be possible so thank you!

Next week, you will be receiving more information about plans for our Christmas fayre, as this year we are planning to host this outside to keep everyone as safe as possible, but your co-operation is crucial for this to work well, so please read next week's newsletter to find out what is expected. Lastly, this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. In school we will be busy preparing to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Wishing you all a happy and holy 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/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=45.9>

Healthy Eater

This week's Healthy Eater awards go to, Natasha in year 2,
Ashnan in year 3.

Well done and keep making healthy food choices!



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



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

(YR) Ibraheem
(Y1) Daija
(Y3) Ralph
(Y5) Raiyaana
(Y6) Preeti

(YR) Spirit
(Y2) Joey
(Y3) Conner
(Y5) Christina

(YR) Traebhavan
(Y2) Anaiya
(Y4) Zakaria
(Y5) Destiny

(Y1) Julia
(Y2) Aamir
(Y4) Joshua
(Y6) Amani

(Y1) Piotr
(Y3) Kaiden
(Y4) Zuzanna
(Y6) Kimaya

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 - 95

Year 1 – 100

Year 2 – 93

Year 3 - 98

Year 4 - 95

Year 5 - 96

Year 6 - 100

**Well done Years 1 & 6
Keep up the good work!**



Attendance figures so far this term

Reception – 94%

Year 1 – 94.3%

Year 2 – 95.6%

Year 3 – 98.6%

Year 4 – 97.3%

Year 5 – 94.8%

Year 6 – 97%



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: Avraj & Shenaya

Year 1: Luka & Tianne

Year 2: Mia & Marcelo

Year 3: Ashnan & Nathan

Year 4: Shakur & Amen

Year 5: Rohan & Zahra

Year 6: Anil & All of year 6

Values & Virtues of the Week

- Reception** – Mikolaj for being inquisitive and enthusiastic when learning new things on our trip.
- Year 1** - Nico for his enthusiastic and respectful nature during our chat with Father Vincent about the celebration of Mass.
- Year 2** - Harpreet for having a fair and caring attitude towards her learning and her friends.
- Year 3** - Skye for striving to achieve in maths lessons, using prior knowledge to access green work.
- Year 4** - Zara for putting her faith into action when discussing how we could help the homeless this Christmas.
- Year 5** - Taisia for always wanting to improve in all subjects.
- Year 6** - Aisha for always being polite to others.

Extra-Curricular Activities



You may have noticed that sports fixtures have returned and we are looking forward to providing our children with a range of opportunities and experiences as the year goes on. We have access to a minibus, which Mr Ellicott is able to drive and due to our astro, we're able to host events too. In order to support with offering such activities, we'd like to get some parents to join us and help out on occasions where possible, attending events working alongside staff. If this is something you would be interested in, you will need to complete a DBS check through school. Please contact Mr Ellicott or the school office for more information or to get the check completed. Thank you.

Warwickshire Cricketers Visit

We were very fortunate to be joined by Warwickshire players Will Rhodes and Jake Lintott this week, as well as Warwickshire coaches and the two shiny trophies they won this season! They delivered an assembly, officially opened our astro and two classes were lucky enough to receive coaching from them too. We thank all at Warwickshire for kindly taking the time to join us.

Cricket and Dodgeball Fixtures

Children from St John Bosco joined some of our y4 and 5 children on Wednesday for some dodgeball and cricket matches on our astro. It was a lovely morning with all children demonstrating sporting behaviour and showcasing some great talent - particularly our catching. The cricket came to an exciting climax with St Mark's winning in a tense finish, after Zahra scored some late runs, then Destiny took a great catch to win it for us. Well done everyone- you did us proud!



For more photos and information, please follow the school on Twitter @StMarksRC and check our website <https://www.stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk/>

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 is a staff INSET day so school is closed to all pupils

School opens: Wednesday 5th January 2021



Term Dates



Diary Dates

For your
Diary



Dates for Diary: -

- Friday 3rd December 2021 Please could children bring in bottles for Christmas raffle
- Friday 10th December 2021 Christmas Fayre & non-uniform day
- Tues 14th December 2021 Christmas dinner day for Reception & Key Stage 1*
- Weds 15th December 2021 Christmas dinner day for Key Stage 2*
- Friday 17th December 2021 Christmas jumper day, Children pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper to school (money goes to school fund)

*Christmas dinners are £2.40 and information on how to book will be sent nearer the time.

We Need Your Help



Year 4 need your help! During Black History Month, we learnt about Marcus Rashford and how he helped to feed children during the Coronavirus Pandemic. We were so inspired by him; we have decided to help others this Christmas. We have decided to support the charity Sifa Fireside, who help homeless and vulnerably housed adults.

We often discuss in our classroom how each and everyone of us is made in God's image and likeness and how **WE ARE ALL UNIQUE, WE ARE ALL SPECIAL AND WE ARE ALL IMPORTANT!** We would like to reach out to the homeless and let them know how important they are too.

Christmas can be a very sad time for these people, so to spread some Christmas cheer, Year 4 will be making care boxes for people supported by Sifa Fireside.

With your help, we can make it a nicer Christmas for them. Please can you help by donating some of the following items:

Reception	Crisps
Year 1	Chocolates
Year 2	Soft drinks (cans, cartons or bottles)
Year 3	Sweets
Year 4	Any of the items on the list.
Year 5	Biscuits
Year 6	A Christmas gift – this can be handmade or costing as little as £1.
Additional items:	In addition to any of the above, if you have any shoe boxes/ gift boxes that you no longer need, these will be used for the care boxes. Also, any gloves, hats, scarves, gloves, socks and blankets etc.. would be gratefully received.

Please can all donations be in school by **Friday 3rd December 2021.**

As well as your generous donations, Year 4 will be creating artwork and making Christmas cards to go inside the boxes. If you too would like to create anything for the boxes, or send in some Christmassy jokes, you are more than welcome.

Thank you in advance for your help, Year 4.

