

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Once again it has been a very busy week here at St. Mark's, during which we welcomed several visitors to school, all of whom went away with a wonderful impression of the happy, respectful and hardworking pupils we have! And of the staff and wider community, too, of course :

At the end of next week, we will be marking the NSPCC's Number Day in a special way (outlined below), but in advance of this event, you might find the following APP useful to support your child's learning at home which has been produced by White Rose Maths. This looks particularly good at helping children to visualise numbers (shape and quantity), and will help to build up speed and fluency, too.







Do let us know if you've given this a go by writing in your child's Pupil Planner. Have a great weekend, all!

Mr. Linford and the St. Mark's Team



Friday 4th February is NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday, we will be completing a 'number' of maths-based activities in aid of the NSPCC. The aim is to promote the enjoyment of maths and also to help raise some money for the good work the NSPCC do. Further details about the day can be found on the NSPCC website:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social-special-events/number-day/

Next Friday, **please send your child with a donation, which will be given to the NSPCC**. One of the activities during the day will be to count the money raised in each class to give the children more experience in using and understanding money. The contribution can be as much or as little as you choose - a 10p or 20p coin would suffice. It all helps towards the charity and will give children some 'real life' maths challenges on that day.

Additionally, please send your child to school wearing something green, as this is the colour that marks the NSPCC charity. This could be a t-shirt, jumper, hair band or whatever you have. We'll take lots of photos on the day and share our activities on social media.



Staffing changes:

On Monday 31st January, we welcome **Mrs. Khan** back to school following her period of maternity leave, and she is really looking forward to teaching our wonderful Year 2 class each week (from Monday to Thursday lunchtimes). Mr. Ellicott (Swimming) and Miss Cooney (Fridays) will teach Year 2 for the rest of the week. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sandhu who has done a splendid job of caretaking the class since October.

Next Friday, we bid farewell and "Good Luck" to **Miss Ison** who will be taking up a full-time job at Uffculme Primary School. We will miss her!



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/gods-love?pid=MTA101634&v=50.6



<u>Healthy Eater</u> <u>Awards</u>

This week's Healthy Eater awards go to **Shaheen** in Year 2 and **Joshua** in Year 4. Well done to them both - and keep making healthy food choices everyone!

a Congratulations certificate this week:		
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	Year 1:	Dior & Leo
	Year 2:	Julia & Chinaza
	Year 3:	Evie & Kaid
	Year 4:	Eliza & Lyla
	Year 5:	Hubert & Freya
	Year 6:	Amani & Justine
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Keep up the great work, everyone! Who will get them next week?

"Values & Virtues" awards of the week

Reception	Ruhan for actively participating in our Phonics session.
Year 1	Sabrina for showing curiosity in a Science lesson.
Year 2	Julia for her increasing confidence and participation in lessons.
Year 3	Suniyah for being curious about dividing with numbers.
Year 4	Kyle for actively participating in all lessons.
Year 5	Aimee for her energy and enthusiasm in P.E. lessons.
Year 6	Patrycja for always caring for others and asking how everyone is.

School Term Dates

Term Date:

Spring Term 2022

Half Term: 21st – 25th February 2022 Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

