



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Executive Principal: Mr. G. Linford



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Over the past week, you should have all received an email notification from school regarding our new ClassDojo App. This has been used successfully at St. Mary's, Wednesbury for the past few years and has ensured much better communication between school and home.



It is **GDPR compliant** – as no personal information other than a child's first name is visible to anyone else, and I have never had a complaint from parents regarding their information being used or passed on to other agencies. If you require further assurances, however, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

The Class Dojo App will allow us to send messages directly to you, such as reminders and requests, and to share photos and classroom moments which helps to keep you up-to-date with your child's learning. More than one parent can link to your child's account, and you will only see what is posted on the School Story page and your child's Class Story. As it is an internal account, it is the same as putting photographs up in the classroom or around school – they will not be seen by anyone outside of school (i.e. it is not the same as Twitter).

And it is **completely free to use**, unless you decide to buy the parent app for personal use at home.



ClassDojo

Thank you to everyone who has already activated their accounts. I can see that over 60% of the school has now signed up. If you haven't already got going, you should have received a letter from school on Friday with more information and your child's password.

Please can you all ensure you register on ClassDojo this weekend, ready for Monday morning's lessons.

Newsletters will now be sent out less regularly as the regular features, such as the weekly certificate winners, will now move onto the Class Story pages.

Parking near school

It is very clear that parking around Kingsdown Avenue is difficult as there is limited space. There was a horrible situation that arose on Thursday afternoon this week when a bus was not able to pass by safely. I understand that some aggressive behaviour ensued which has caused considerable upset and anxiety. Can we please ask that you park considerately, as too many cars are parking close together or on both sides of the street, directly opposite another car, making it difficult for larger vehicles to pass by safely. As Spring draws closer, the weather is getting dryer and the days lighter again – so please give yourselves more time to get to school, park further away in a safe place and walk the last part of the journey to school if at all possible.



I know the prayers of the whole school community over the coming days will be for a speedy and peaceful end to the conflict in Ukraine before more homes are destroyed and lives lost. God bless, everyone.

Mr. Linford 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/lent?pid=MTA101634&v=53.11>



Healthy Eater

This week's Healthy Eater awards go to

Kaiden in Year 3 and

Blessing in Year 5.

Well done to them both - and keep making healthy food choices everyone!

Well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week:	
Reception:	Aisha & Sanabil
Year 1:	Manha & Ansh
Year 2:	Tia & Julia
Year 3:	Rose & Delphi
Year 4:	Ananh-Lia & Lyla
Year 5:	Joshua & Ramell
Year 6:	Shanice & Ania
<i>Keep up the great work, everyone! Who will get them next week?</i>	



“Values & Virtues” awards of the week

Reception	Caelan for always setting a good example to his peers (prophetic)
Year 1	Luca for being a good role model and setting a good example for our new pupil (prophetic)
Year 2	Harpreet for being prophetic in the example she always sets for others
Year 3	Ava for always being kind and helpful to her peers. She has particularly been a good example to our new pupil (prophetic)
Year 4	Reuben for suggesting that we help others during Lent, like we did at Christmas. Reuben has suggested that we help children in hospital (intentional)
Year 5	Dilshaan for always checking on other people (prophetic)
Year 6	Anushka for living intentionally by making good choices to help others

School Term Dates

Spring Term 2022

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

