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Thursday 15th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

During this time of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let's give thanks for all that we have and try to live our lives as Jesus asked us to, as part of one global family. Well done to the school mission team (our guardian angels, our Laudato Si' leaders, our catholic life leaders and our rosary group leaders) for making positive changes to our school and for living out their mission with passion, commitment and energy.

It has been a real joy these last few weeks to see the children enjoying so many fun Christmas activities that have been organised by staff and the St Mark's friends' group. A big thank you to all involved!

Please, during the school holiday, keep your children as safe as possible. We are very close to train tracks and also a canal and both pose many dangers. Please keep yourselves safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Merry Christmas!

From Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

KS2 Carol Concert

On Thursday night, KS2 put on a fantastic performance retelling the Christmas Story for our St. Mark's and Holy Name community. The children performed brilliantly and the singing was beautiful. Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work and for parents for supporting school, as always.



Advent Challenge 2022!

A big well done to all children and their families, who participated in our Advent Challenge homework. Year 6 voted for their favourite prayer tables. They looked for children's prayers and designs, religious artefacts and creativity. It was a really tough choice! Votes were counted and prizes given to the winners. A big well done to:

- Naylah (Rec)
- Avraj (Y1)
- Nishitha (Y2)
- De'Jaurne (Y3)
- Aaryan (Y4)
- Keeley (Y5)
- Ramell (Y6)



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=79.2>


ATTENDANCE UPDATE

An attendance assembly will be taking place on **Friday 16th December** at 9am.

Gold — 100%

Silver — 98-99.9%

Bronze — 96-97.9%

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	0.7 %	93.7 %
YEAR 1	0.3 %	93.8 %
YEAR 2	1.7 %	95.6 %
YEAR 3	1.9 %	93.5 %
YEAR 4	0.3 %	97.9 %
YEAR 5	1.1%	97.4 %
YEAR 6	1.9 %	94.3 %

Well done to **Year 4** for having the least amount of lates and the highest attendance in the whole school.

Please can **Year 3** parents ensure they are bringing their children to school on time.

Our whole school attendance target is 97%, we are currently on 95.2%.

SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

A group of 14 class 5 children performed at a dance festival today as part of the Birmingham School Games. We danced to Men in Black and were one of 8 groups. They did really well and had lots of fun too. Thank you very much to Mrs Nellist and Miss Shaban for accompanying our dancers on the day and to Shelly our dance coach, who has been supporting our PE lessons and taught them the routine.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 9am



We are looking forward to welcoming you to our first SEND coffee morning on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 9am.



Dates for the diary:

Christmas & New Year Holiday:
Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January

Self-Regulation App

Lumin&Us

This is a fantastic App was recently shared with me during some training and is used to support families and children in identifying feelings and understanding behaviour in order to support to support self – regulation. The model used supports adults and children to find a way back to feeling safe through fun, interactive and engaging game and activities designed to support emotional well - being.

There are ideas for games and activities one-one or as family throughout the day and in the evening at home or when out and about.

If you require any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact me via ClassDojo bring your device to the school office and I can assist you.

Have a wonderful Christmas. **Mrs Dykes SENDCo**

Daytime games

