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Dear parents and carers,

Since coming back to school, we have had a number of visitors in school and I want to share with you some of the wonderful comments they have made about your children:

"Thank you, it was a pleasure to visit, and your children are so polite."

"I would like my child to come here, the staff know the children really well."

"It has been a real pleasure."

Your children's manners do not go unnoticed and their consideration for others is uplifting.

I hope you have a lovely weekend (I hope to see many of you at family mass on Sunday!)

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

St. Mark's Day of Fasting—Tuesday 14th March 2023

This week, your child will bring home a letter about our Lenten project—St. Mark's Day of Fasting. We will be incorporating all of Jesus' teachings to pray, give alms and fast to raise money for the Turkey-Syria Appeal supported by CAFOD. Children will be asking friends and family to sponsor them to fast from their usual luxuries in school. Mrs Beresford will be cooking a simple lunch and we will spend time in prayer together. Our aim is for each child to raise £6, through sponsorship, to support this appeal. The reason for this is asylum seekers in the UK receive £6.43 a day (£45 a week). Look out for the letter for some more information about our St. Mark's Day of Fasting next week.



St. Mark's Family Mass

This Sunday (12th March), we have our next St. Mark's Family Mass. After the success of last term's Masses, we are hoping to see as many children and their families attend the Mass to join in with the liturgy, read scripture or a prayer and help in many different ways. If you are able to attend, please let Miss Dorsett know via Class Dojo.



Children's feedback: "I think Mass would be better if we sung some songs from school." (Y4 child) Action: This weekend, the children will be performing their Lighthouse song to Holy Name Parish at the end of Mass.

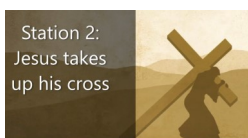
Children's feedback: "I think Family Mass would be good if there was something that showed what school we were." (Y6 child)

Action: Create a display board to put up in Church with our Mission Statement, advert for school Mass and examples of our work.

Upcoming family Mass dates: 7th May 2023 and 2nd July 2023 (First Holy Communion for Y3).

St. John Bosco Multi-Academy Company's Stations of the Cross—Lent 2023

During Lent, all the schools from within our MAC are creating videos to teach everyone the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. Last week, some of our children and Mrs Linley created a video to depict the second station—Jesus takes up his cross. Scan the QR code to watch our fantastic video.



Well done to all our children for their wonderful ideas, reflections and prayers.





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/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9>

Dates for the diary:

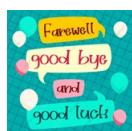
Sunday 12th March—St. Mark's Family Mass at 10:30am at Holy Name Church

Monday 13th March—Y6 SPaG workshop at 2-3pm

Monday 13th March—Y6 SAT's Parent Meeting at 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 23rd March—Whole School Parents Evening (more information to follow)


Goodbye & Good Luck Miss Cooney!



At the end of this term, Miss Cooney will sadly be leaving us to join another school much closer to home. Currently, her position is being advertised and we hope to have her replacement organised in the coming weeks. The new Year 2 teacher will be announced to all Year 2 parents as soon as it has been confirmed.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

	So Far This Term No. Of Lates %	So Far This Term Attendance %
RECEPTION	1.3%	97.1%
YEAR 1	0.9%	96.4%
YEAR 2	0.9%	94.7%
YEAR 3	2.5%	93.2%
YEAR 4	0.6%	98.6%
YEAR 5	2.7%	98.0%
YEAR 6	2.1%	97.0%

Well done to **Year 4** for their attendance and punctuality. Can **Year 3** parents ensure their children attend school and Year 5 parents ensure their children get to school on time!

Many Thanks.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN DINNER MONEY

We have had a change in our dinner money policy to be in line with the academy. Therefore, we request that all dinner money is paid upfront, before the week starts, so that your child's account is always in credit. Overdraft balances are allowed up to a maximum of £2.40 (one day's dinner). Once this limit is breached the school reserves the right to withdraw services until the account is restored to a positive balance.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone for taking part in the raffle that was organised by St. Mark's Friends,

Here is a list of the winners:

£50 Ikea Gift Card

3 Course meal for 2 at Badshah Palace—Bella

Family meal for 4 at The Towers Inn—Ezekiel

Wine Hamper—Palvi

Lindt Chocolate Hamper—Ramell

Chocolate Hamper—Diya

Gift Set—Madhav

Bath Soap—Delphi

Starbucks Set—Fionn

Ninja Warrior Voucher & Socks—Fionn

The Belfry Voucher—Kezzia

Fruit Hamper—De'Jaurne

Doughnuts—Imaan

Flowers—Palve

Nando's Platter—Tise/Eliza

Toys from The Entertainer—Sienna

There were many more lucky winners who won great prizes. Thank you to all who purchased tickets, we have raised a grand total of **£679.00**.

NEW ART WORK AROUND SCHOOL

You will have seen from ClassDojo, that over the February half term break we were lucky to have some art work completed, which was designed by the children. Our Catholic life leaders worked hard promoting and selling raffle tickets in order to raise funds for this project. Thank you to everyone that brought a raffle ticket to support this project, led by our pupil voice within school. Well done to our guardian angels, they did a fantastic job in gathering designs from all of the children and liaising with Matt the artist to include their ideas.

Here are the thoughts of some of the children and pictures of the art work completed so far.



I like it because it represents our school.
Julia Year 2



It is a nice touch to the school and hopefully in the future there will be more like it.
Ralph Year 4

It is amazing, I love it. My favourite one is the library because it has the name of all of the books.

Blessing Year 6

It is very creative and it shows us as a school. It shows that we love all equally. **Kezzia Year 4**



SPaG Workshops

Teachers are really looking forward to delivering the SPaG workshops.

They will take place on the following days:

Year 2—10/3 from 2-3

Year 3—14/3 from 3—3.40 (additional session)

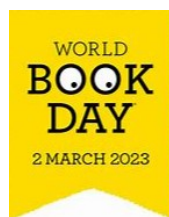
Year 4—13/3 from 2-3

Year 5— 20/3 from 2-3

Year 6 - 13/3 from 2-3

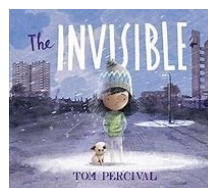


World Book Day



An enormous thank you to everyone for your amazing effort for World Book Day this year.

The children and teachers had a brilliant day dressed in their pyjamas and shared stories.



The whole school read the book *The Invisible* by Tom Percival. Every child, then created a piece of work based on this book.

'I love World Book Day!' Mia