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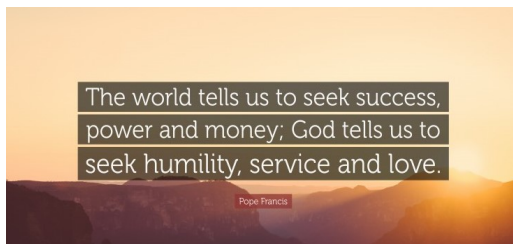
Dear parents and carers,

We have had such an exciting and action-packed term at St. Mark's, filled with all sorts of creative pursuits, from public speaking to educational visits and football fixtures. The children have certainly been working hard and yet there is also a wonderful sense of happiness in the classrooms whilst they are learning, which is a pleasure to see.

Thank you to our St. Mark's Friends (parent volunteer group) who paid for a local artist to visit school to paint the wall mission statement representing the many cultures and religions that make up our wonderful school.

Today we celebrated our first Multicultural Week celebration since lockdown 2020 and what a spectacular event it was! The children and staff have worked very hard to make this celebration extra special. We are very grateful for supporting this by providing children with extra clothes and items.

Lastly, I would like to say a big well done to our Year 6 and Year 2 children who completed recent SATs showing confidence, resilience and commitment to their education. We are very proud of you all. WELL DONE!



God bless, Mrs Linley and the St. Mark's Team

May Procession 2023

Thank you to all of our St. Mark's community that joined us on Friday for our May Procession. It was a really special afternoon where we honoured Mary, the mother of Jesus.



Year 6 planned and lead a beautiful service, ensuring all classes played their part.

Thank you to all parents/family members that donated flowers for the procession. We will continue to use these as part of collective worship, in RE lessons, on our prayer tables and for Multi-cultural week decorations next week.



Year 3 First Holy Communion—Dates for Diaries:

Monday 12th June 2023 - Parent and Child Preparation Session (3:30pm)

Tuesday 20th June - Sacrament of Reconciliation in school (9am)

Monday 26th June - FHC Parent and Child Preparation Session (3:30pm)

Sunday 2nd July - First Holy Communion, Holy Name Church (9:30am arrival for photographs before Mass at 10:30am)





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/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=72.4>

Dates for the diary:

Friday 26th May—Multicultural Showcase at 1:45pm

Tuesday 6th June—Y5 Hosting Quiz Night for Grove Court residents & elderly family (more information to follow)

Monday 12th—Friday 16th June—Phonics Screening Week

Monday 12th June—Individual Photographs

STAFFING UPDATE



On the 9th May, we held interviews at St. Mark's for the permanent role of Assistant Principal and we are delighted to inform you that Miss Dorsett was successful and will be our St. Mark's permanent Assistant Principal alongside Mrs. Dykes.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Following the generous donations made to the Good




Shepherd Appeal, some of our Key Stage Two Mini Vinnies and Catholic Life Leaders represented St. Mark's at The Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral, on Wednesday 24th May 2023. The Mass was led by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

What a great privilege!

Special thanks to Miss Stewart, Mrs. O'Shea and Mrs. Nellist for organising this.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	0.8%	97.0%
YEAR 1	0.3%	96.1%
YEAR 2	0%	98.1%
YEAR 3	1.4%	94.3%
YEAR 4	0.9%	97.4%
YEAR 5	1.8%	97.7%
YEAR 6	0.7%	96.0%

Well done to **Year 2** for having the least amount of lates and the highest attendance in the whole school.

Please can **Year 3** parents ensure that their children attend school and **Year 5** parents ensure they are bringing their children to school on time.

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**, we are currently on **95.8%**

Well done to our Guardian Angels

To celebrate World Baking Day, our Guardian Angels made some cornflake cakes with Mrs Beresford and Mrs Scarrott. They then decided they wanted to sell them at the May Procession to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. We are so proud to



announce that they raised £71 to support the poorly children in that hospital. Well done Guardian Angels, it's great to see you putting your faith into action!

A HUGE well done to one of our Year 3 pupils who has recently signed for Aston Villa. We wish him all the very best in this new venture!



New Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome [Mrs. Stanisz](#) to our local governing body as our new parent governor. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new role. If you wish to speak to any of our governors, please look on our governor page on our website to find their email address to contact them.

St. Mark's Playground Wall – Thank you SMF!

St. Mark's Friends (SMF) is our parent volunteer group. They meet regularly (every half term) and plan exciting events for our school community to enjoy. Money raised for St. Mark's Friends is then banked and used to pay for resources, developments or treats for your children.

The most recent project our SMF funded was the playground wall. I am sure you will join me in thanking the SMF group for making this possible – it adds fantastic colour to that area of the school playground and represents our school well.

If you would like to join the next SMF meeting, please just contact Mrs. Hussain in the office to request details.

PENALTY NOTICE: Penalty notices are issued to families who take children out of school in term time for extended periods i.e. holidays.



This half term we have issued 1 penalty notice.

Multicultural week celebrations



Today we warmly invited all of our families to our first ever multicultural celebration showcase since lockdown.

A big thank you to all the staff who have supported this event. We have enjoyed every minute of this week!



Pentecost Mass



Pentecost

A massive well done to all the children who read at Mass in their own language. We are so very proud of you!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this celebration.

REFUGEE WEEK IS COMING!

The week beginning 19th June is Refugee Week. I am inviting any parents who have been a refugee to share their story with us. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts and experiences, please could you contact Mrs. Linley via class dojo.

