



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY 8th September 2023

Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday. We enjoyed hearing about their Summer holiday activities. Thank you for ensuring that children are dressed in the correct uniform and have the correct belongings (water bottle, school planner, updated medication etc). This week we have introduced our new behaviour expectations to the children and these focus around the 3 main principles to:

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

I will speak more on this at your child's 'class welcome meeting' (see dates in newsletter). The children have made a great start to the year and they have really impressed us.

Well done to our new Reception children. they have completed their transition week this week and are now in school full time. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence in such a short amount of time.

I, along with all the staff, look forward to working with you and your child for the year ahead. I hope to see you at your child's class welcome meeting in a couple of weeks.

God bless and have a good weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Parent Welcome Meetings

September 2023



Teaching staff are looking forward to meeting you and introducing themselves to you during our welcome meetings and sharing with you the class expectations. This is also an opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and for you to hear a bit more about life in their new year group. Teachers will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Reception – Monday 25th September at 3:30pm

Year 1 – Tuesday 19th September 3:30pm

Year 2 – Thursday 21st September at 3:30pm

Year 3 – Thursday 28th at 3:30pm

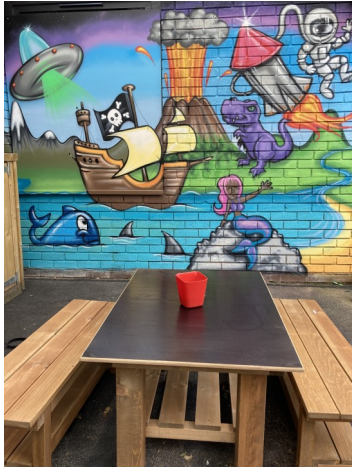
Year 4 – Friday 22nd September at 3:30pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 26th at 3:30pm

Year 6 – Friday 29th September at 3:30pm

Please wait at the main entrance and your child's class teacher will meet you.

New EYFS art work



Fuzzy Concept have been into school over the Summer holidays, and they have added some inspiring art work to our early years outdoor area. What a wonderful surprise for our children to come back to school to. We are pleased to say that the children love it!

FANTASTIC NEWS

St. Mark's school would like to share some amazing news with you... We are so **PROUD** of **Kanhaiya in Year 2** for deciding to cut her hair for the 'Little Princess Trust' and donate it for a wig to be made.

Kanhaiya had 10 inches cut off of her hair to donate and so far, she has raised £600, which is still increasing! We at St. Mark's and her family are super proud of her gift to give and consideration for others.

Well Done Kanhaiya!



Dates for the diary:

- Tuesday 19th September 2023—Class group Photographs
- Wednesday 4th October 2023—Parent Mental Health Awareness Workshop—3:30-4:30pm (ALL WELCOME)
- Monday 16th October 2023—Teacher Training Day—school closed to pupils.
- Friday 27th October 2023—Teacher Training Day—school closed to pupils
- Half Term—Thursday 26th October to Friday 3rd November 2023

Schoolgateway



SCHOOL GATEWAY UPDATE

As you may be aware, School gateway has not been updated to allow parents to pay for school dinners or toast. This is due to St. Mark's migrating to a new data system. We are in the process of this happening and are hoping to have school gateway up and running by the end of next week. In the meantime, your children will still have a school dinner if you would like them to, and the office staff will ensure that once school gateway is fully running, all credits and debts will show correctly.

We are sorry if this has caused any inconvenience.