



Birmingham City Council Education Department
St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher
 Mr. S. Murphy



Week Ending Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents,

Gospel of Sunday 24th September 2017

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who worked all say grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men that came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

(Matthew 20:1-16) The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)



WELCOME

We welcome our new reception children who completed their first full week at St. Mark's. We hope they all settle in quickly and are very happy at St Mark's school. Please keep all those new to our school in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this very important journey.



REMINDER:

I would like to remind all parents that school gates are opened at 8.45am each morning. School lessons begin at 8.55 a.m. and end at 3.10pm for EYFS / KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2.

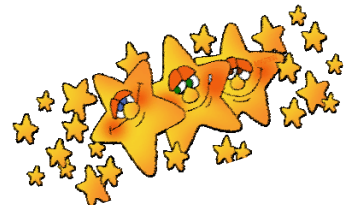
Presentation Award for week commencing 18th September 2017:

Well done to Year 3 for achieving 99% for the best class presentation award for this week.



Best attendance for week ending 22nd September – Year 5 & 6 with 100% attendance – Well done to Mrs Kahn and Mr Kettle and both classes for such good attendance. Keep up the good work!

| Class | Attendance | Lates | Class | Attendance | Lates |
|-----------|------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|
| Reception | 98.3% | 0 | Year 4 | 99.2% | 3 |
| Year 1 | 99.2% | 3 | Year 5 | 100% | 1 |
| Year 2 | 99.6% | 2 | Year 6 | 100% | 1 |
| Year 3 | 99.2% | 4 | School | 99.3% | 14 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

The following members of our school have and will be celebrating their birthday last week and this week: -

Freya (Y1), Dilshaan (Y1) and Tiya (Y3)



We wish them a wonderful birthday and hope all their wishes come true.



THURSDAY MASS DATES

Family and friends are very welcome to join us on the following dates:



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| 28 th Sept | Year 4 |
| 5 th Oct | Year 3 |
| 12 th Oct | Year 2 |
| 19 th Oct | Year 6 |

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please see below a list of important dates for Year 3 children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please see additional **Alton Castle** retreat day listed below:

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| Thursday 8 th March 2018 | 3:30pm – Journey of Faith at St. Mark’s school |
| Tuesday 13th March 2018 | Alton Castle Retreat All day – Adult to accompany child |
| Thursday 15 th March 2018 | 4:00pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Name Church |
| Thursday 26 th April 2018 | 3:30pm – Journey of Faith at St. Mark’s school |
| Sunday 13 th May 2018 | 10:30am - Sacramental Enrolment Mass at Holy Name Church |
| Sunday 20 th May 2018 | 10.30am – Sacramental preparation Mass at Holy Name Church |
| Sunday 10 th June 2018 | 10.30am – Sacramental preparation Mass at Holy Name Church |
| Sunday 24 th June 2017 | 10:30am – Sacrament of Eucharist at Holy Name Church |

PARENTS’ EVENINGS - **WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 3:30pm onwards**
(Further details to follow) - **THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 4:30pm onwards**



WELCOME SERVICE- Friday 29th September at 9:10am

Parents, Grandparents, family and friends of ‘new children’ to St Marks are invited to our “Welcome Service” on Friday 29th October, at 9:10am in the school hall. This is an opportunity for us to formally welcome our new boys and girls into the St Mark’s school family.

WELCOME!



ST MARK’S ANNUAL OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 10:30AM- 12:00PM.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer is coming into school on **Wednesday 18th October** to take individual photographs. This is a good time of year to do this as uniforms, shoes and hairstyles are so smart!

Class Assembly Dates/Times:

Please note: All assemblies will start at 2:30pm

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| Friday 13 th October 2017 | Year 3 |
| Friday 24 th November 2017 | Year 5 |
| Friday 16 th February 2018 | Year 4 |
| Friday 9 th March 2018 | Reception (Mother’s Day Assembly) |
| Friday 16 th March 2018 | Year 2 |
| Friday 22 nd June 2018 | Year 1 |
| Thursday 19 th July 2018 | Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly |

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the completion of St. Mark’s entire roof replacement was completed last week. We appreciate your continued cooperation and patience whilst this was being carried out.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

After the success of last year's biggest coffee morning fundraiser for MacMillan, we have decided to carry this out again. Each class will have a specified day of bringing in and selling cakes and the whole school will have the opportunity at break time to buy the cakes.

Please support this worthy cause by bringing in cakes on the specified day for your year group:

Monday 25th September 2017 – Year 5

Tuesday 26th September 2017 – Year 4

Wednesday 27th September 2017 – Year 3

Thursday 28th September 2017 – Year 1 and 2

Friday 29th September 2017 - Reception and Year 6



Holy Name Church, Great Barr: - JOURNEY IN FAITH INVITATION:

Holy Name are offering a series of sessions exploring the Catholic Faith, starting 25th September 2017. We call these sessions "journey in Faith" because we are all learning more about our faith all the time. Details of the programme are available in school, in Church or online. The sessions are held in the Parish Office from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Monday during term time. For further information or to book a place, please contact Holy Name Parish Office on 0121 357 1351 or email info@holyname.org.uk

"BY THE WAY... FACT OF THE DAY"

Please help your child to learn and remember this week's "Fact of the Day". They will be encouraged to recite this fact on a number of occasions.

| | Key Stage 1 | Key Stage 2 |
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| Monday | The month after July is August | A quarter of 1000ml is 250ml |
| Tuesday | 2D shapes are flat | $0 \times 150 = 0$ |
| Wednesday | 1,3,5,7 and 9 are Odd numbers | $82 = 64$ |
| Thursday | £1 = 100 pennies | 8km = 4.97 miles. |
| Friday | A closed shape is a shape where all of the lines meet. | There are 30 days in September |

DATES FOR DIARIES

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – 13th – 17th November 2017

INFANT NATIVITY – Thursday 7th December 2017 at 2:30pm

JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 21st December 2017 at 9:15am



Teachers' Training Days

Friday 20th October 2017

Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018



| Autumn Term 2017 | Spring Term 2018 | Summer Term 2018 |
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| Tuesday 5 th September To Friday 20 th October - half term - Monday 30 th October To Friday 22 nd December | Monday 8 th January To Friday 16 th February - half term - Monday 26 th February To Thursday 29 th March | Monday 16 th April To Friday 25 th May - half term - Monday 4 th June To Friday 20 th July |

God Bless

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