



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

Headteacher
 Mr. S. Murphy



Week Ending Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Gospel of Sunday 8th October 2017

Jesus said, "There was once a landowner who planted vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants: one they trashed, another they killed, and a third they stoned. He then sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But the farmers said to one another, 'Look – here's the heir: come on, let's kill him and take over his inheritance.' So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to the farmers?" "He'll bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply. "Then he'll rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time."

(Matthew 21:33-43) The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



THANK YOU WELCOME SERVICE

WELCOME!

It was wonderful to see our new children and their families in school last Friday. We had a very special 'assembly' where we welcomed all our reception children as well as our newly joined children into the family of St. Mark's. Well done to all the children who sang and spoke so beautifully. Many thanks to Mrs Dykes and Mrs Smith for their hard work in preparing the children.



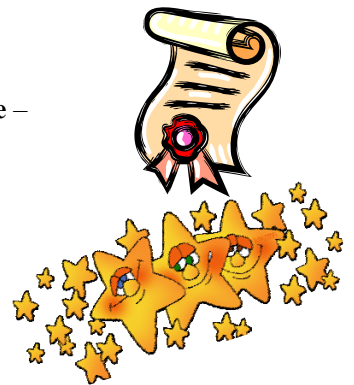
REMINDER:

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.



Best attendance for week ending **6th October** – **Year 2 with 100% attendance** – Well done to Miss Allen and class for such good attendance. Keep up the good work!

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception			Year 4	96.7%	4
Year 1	98.3%	3	Year 5	98.3%	3
Year 2	100.00%	3	Year 6	99.2%	3
Year 3	98.3%	3	School	98.2%	19



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Zara (Y4), Patrycja (Y2), Ake (Y5), Aimee (Y1), Trae (Y2), Tylen (Y5), Mariam (Y4) and Daniel (Y5)



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:



12th Oct
19th Oct

Year 2 (Harvest Mass)
Year 6

'HARVEST MASS' – Thursday 12th October 2017



We will be celebrating our Harvest Mass on **Thursday 12th October**. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all that we have, and for those who help to grow and prepare our food. It is also a real opportunity for us to think about others who may not have enough to eat. Please support us with **gifts of tinned and packaged food** which would be greatly appreciated. All food produce will be donated to '**Brushstrokes**' – which caters for the vulnerable and homeless people in our own city. Please be as generous as you possibly can. Donated food should be brought to the front of the school from Monday until Thursday morning before the Harvest Mass.



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:

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**
- **THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 4:30pm onwards**

(Letters should now have been returned with your choice of times. The time allocated to you will be in your child's planner on Monday 9th October 2017)



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

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Cake Sale

A very big thank you for the support and tremendous efforts of the children and their families and friends in support of Macmillan Coffee Morning during the whole of last week. We raised a massive **£367.39**.



“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
Monday	Half past = 30 minutes	A full turn is 360°
Tuesday	Double 10 = 20	45 minutes is the same as three quarters of an hour.
Wednesday	2 and 8 jelly on a plate	121 = 11 squared
Thursday	An hour = 60 minutes	Double is the inverse of Halving
Friday	10 × 5 = 50	10 kg = 10 000 g

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 Match 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018



Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
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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