



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

Headteacher  
 Mr. S. Murphy



**Week Ending Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Gospel of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you." Then they asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

*(Matthew 22:15-21) The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**TRAGIC LOSS**

It is with a heavy heart and with my deep regret that I write to inform of the sad passing of Mrs Nellist's husband Richard. I am sure on behalf of our whole school Catholic community you would like to express your heartfelt thoughts and prayers.



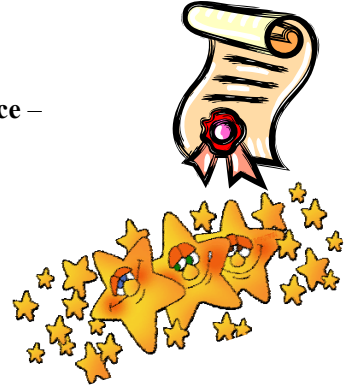
**REMINDER:**

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 19<sup>th</sup> October –Year 4 with 99.2% attendance – Well done to Miss Georgiou and class for such good attendance. Keep up the good work!

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	95.0%	0	Year 4	99.2%	3
Year 1	98.3%	1	Year 5	93.8%	2
Year 2	95.8%	3	Year 6	96.7%	0
Year 3	95.0%	0	School	96.3%	9



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**

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

Isaac (Y3), Keeley (Y5), Caitlin (Y5), Imogen (Y5), Natassia (Y4),  
 Tianna (Y5), Chyna-Rose (Rec), Kai (Y3) and Elena (Y2).



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:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov      Staff led  
 9<sup>th</sup> Nov                      Year 6  
 16<sup>th</sup> Nov                    Year 5  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov                    Year 4  
 30<sup>th</sup> Nov                    Year 3

7<sup>th</sup> Dec                      Year 2

14<sup>th</sup> Dec                    Spiritual Council



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



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



## WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Please come and join your child and their teacher to learn about the exciting ways in which we are teaching maths, reading and writing at St. Mark’s! Workshops will take place on the morning of each of the days below. Please try to come along and support your child(ren).

### Read Write Inc. Workshops at 9:10am:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Reception

### Class Assembly Dates/Times:

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

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Year 5
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Year 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Reception (Mother’s Day Assembly)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Year 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	Year 1
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly

## CAR PARK – A MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENT/CARERS

Despite requests for parents not to wait or park in the school car park **AT ANY TIME**, there are still a small number of parents, including some travelling in taxis, causing some difficulties. We have a relatively small staff car park, with a limited number of spaces. It is important that we have access in and out of the car park at all times – including before and after the school day. This is also an additional concern for the safety of our children and our staff. Please park on Kingsdown Avenue or Almond Croft when visiting the school. Thank you for your co-operation.



**“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	1 more than 1000 = 1001	Vertical means at a right angle to the horizontal
Tuesday	$8 \times 5 = 40$	$100 \div 5 = 20$
Wednesday	$\frac{1}{4}$ means to cut into four equal pieces	$8^2 = 64$
Thursday	Half of 60 = 30	000000 = million
Friday	1 An oval is a 2D shape that looks like a flattened circle	$\frac{1}{4}$ of a litre = 250ml

**DATES FOR DIARIES**

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**INFANT NATIVITY** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2:30pm

**JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at 9:15am



**Teachers’ Training Days**

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018



Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September To Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October - half term - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October To Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January To Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - half term - Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February To Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April To Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - half term - Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June To Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

God Bless

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