



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

Headteacher  
 Mr. S. Murphy



**Week Ending Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Gospel of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they bought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight, there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up. The wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids had begun to run out of oil, so they had to go off to try and buy some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in because the door was already locked. So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

*(Matthew 25:1-13) The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)*



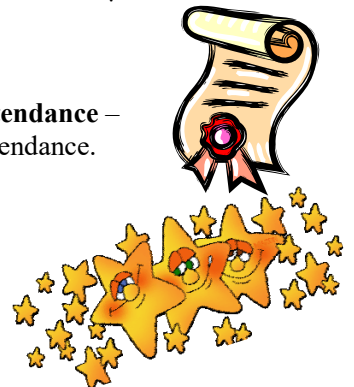
**REMINDER:**

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 10<sup>th</sup> November –Year 3 & 4 with 99.3% attendance – Well done to Miss Ward and Miss Georgiou and both classes for such good attendance. Keep up the good work!

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	90.7%	1	Year 4	99.3%	0
Year 1	97.3%	2	Year 5	98.0%	1
Year 2	93.0%	0	Year 6	95.3%	0
Year 3	99.3%	0	School	96.1%	4



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**

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

Sai (Y6), Aanya (Y2), Lily (Y5), Hubert (Y1)  
 and Bobby (Rec).



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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| 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

### 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.



### PARENTS’ EVENINGS – Parent Survey Results

Thank you to those parents who completed parent surveys.  
Please find attached results for Parent Survey Autumn 2017.



### SMF CHRISTMAS DISCO - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-5:00pm

All pupils from all year groups are invited to attend.

**Entrance Fee: - £2.00 Per Child** (to include free crisps and unlimited squash)

No Parent Supervision required. Maximum £5 spending money (optional)

\* Hot Dogs: £1.00 each

\* Samosas: 50p each (3 for £1.00)

\* Bag of Sweets: 50p per bag

### **NB: Christmas Charity Non-Uniform Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – “£2 per child” –**

We normally only charge £1 for non-uniform day, but on this occasion we are raising money for a new charity and therefore request £2 per child.



**WAVE GOODBYE**

I would like to inform you that one of our staff members will be leaving us at the end of the month.. We would like to thank **Mrs Kaur** for her service as a lunchtime supervisor and wish her good luck in the future.

**Children’s Liturgy Group at HOLY NAME CHURCH –Great Barr-**

Just a reminder that this group meets during term time at the 10:30am Sunday mass at Holy Name Church. All junior aged children are welcome.



**“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 an hour = 30 mins	Surface area is the area covered by all of the faces of a 3D shape
Tuesday	4 quarter cups make a whole cup	31 = three-ty one
Wednesday	A hexagon has 6 sides	$\frac{3}{4}$ of one full turn = $270^\circ$
Thursday	Difference between means to take away	Vertex is the point where 2 sides of a polygon or 3 or more faces of a polyhedron meet.
Friday	Double 13 = 26	Weight is the force with which a body is attracted towards the earth’s centre.

**DATES FOR DIARIES**



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

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY NON-UNIFORM DAY** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – **‘£2 per child’**

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

**CHRISTMAS DISCO** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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

**Teachers’ Training Days**

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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