



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

Headteacher
 Mr. S. Murphy



Week Ending Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents,

Gospel of Sunday 26th November 2017

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'"

(Matthew 25:31-46) The Fest of Christ the King, Year A)



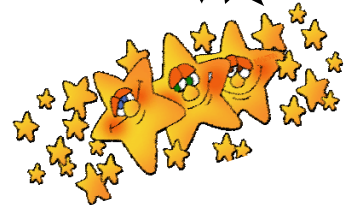
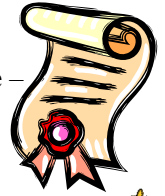
REMINDER:

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 24th November –Year 4 & Year 5 with 99.3% attendance – Well done to Miss Georgiou and Mrs Khan and both classes for such good attendance. Keep up the good work!

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	90.3%	0	Year 4	99.3%	0
Year 1	97.3%	2	Year 5	99.3%	0
Year 2	95.3%	0	Year 6	94.7%	3
Year 3	95.7%	6	School	96.0%	11



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Maria (Y2), Keeley (Y5), Daniel (Y1), Joshua (Y1),
 Majka (Y3), Avaani (Y5) and Jaspreet (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:

30 th Nov	Year 3
7 th Dec	Year 2
14 th Dec	Spiritual Council



Class Assembly Dates/Times:

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

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

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



SMF CHRISTMAS DISCO - Friday 8th 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 1st December – “£2 per child” –

We normally only charge £1 for non-uniform day, but on this occasion we are raising money for new charities Fireside and St. Chad’s Sanctuary and therefore request £2 per child.

The next non-uniform day for the autumn term will be free.



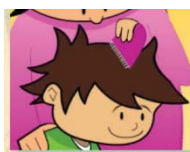
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - THANK YOU!



As part of the St. Mark’s School Council initiative, they decided to support the Samaritan’s Purse Charity Operation Christmas Child. We had many many shoe boxes with wonderful gifts and messages for children who are not as lucky as the children at St. Mark’s. We had 83 boxes in total along with monetary donations – a fantastic effort!

Members of the school council helped to load the boxes ready for shipping. Many thanks for your tremendous generosity.

HEADLICE:



There has been an isolated case of head lice in the infants. Could you please make regular checks to see that your child’s head is clear. Should there be a problem, treatment can be obtained from the chemist. Once the infestation has been treated a twenty-four hour period should elapse before the child returns to school. The whole family will need to be treated to ensure the treatment is effective.

“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	One more than 1000 is 1001	An estimate is a rough or approximate answer.
Tuesday	Length is the distance something measures from one end to the other	A decagon is a 10 sided polygon
Wednesday	Two halves make a whole	$4320 = 4000 + 300 + 20$
Thursday	Do the same thing lots of times.	Same value : Different appearance
Friday	The difference between 20 and 15 is 5	A remainder is an amount left over after division.

DATES FOR DIARIES



CHRISTMAS CHARITY NON-UNIFORM DAY – Friday 1st December 2017 – ‘£2 per child’

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

CHRISTMAS DISCO – Friday 8th December 2017

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

FREE NON-UNIFORM DAY – Friday 22nd December 2017

SUMMER FAYRE – Friday 29th June 2018

SUMMER DISCO – Friday 13th July 2018

Teachers’ Training Days

Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018



Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Tuesday 5 th September To Thursday 19 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 Wednesday 28 th March	Monday 16 th April To Friday 25 th May - half term - Tuesday 5 th June To Friday 20 th July

God Bless

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