



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

Headteacher
 Mr. S. Murphy



Week Ending Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

Gospel of Sunday 10th December 2017

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look! I am sending my messenger ahead – he will prepare your way. A voice cries out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the land of Judae and the city of Jerusalem came to him and, as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. But John said, "There is someone else to come – someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

(Mark 1:1-8) The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B



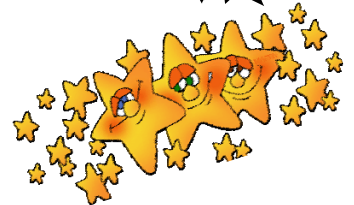
REMINDER:

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 8th December –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	97.1%	1	Year 4	99.2%	0
Year 1	94.2%	3	Year 5	98.8%	2
Year 2	95.0%	3	Year 6	94.2%	5
Year 3	95.0%	7	School	96.2%	21



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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

Leah (Y4), Vishal (Y3), Ahsan (Y3)
 and Kiya (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:

14th Dec

Spiritual Council



THE LAST CONGRATULATION ASSEMBLY FOR THIS TERM WILL BE ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017.

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

“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	There are 60 seconds in a minute	1dm = 10cm
Tuesday	There are 7 days in a week	A number must end in 0 or 5 to be divisible by 5
Wednesday	1/3 means to cut into three equal pieces	11 ² = 121
Thursday	Half of 12 = 6	A millennium = 1000 years
Friday	5 × 5 = 25	A remainder is an amount left over after division.

DATES FOR DIARIES

- CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Wednesday 13th December 2017 (separate letters have been sent)
- WINNING HOUSE TRIP** – Friday 15th December 2017
- KS1 ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY** – Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 9:10am
- KS2 ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY** - Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 9:10am
- JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE** – Thursday 21st December 2017 at 9:15am
- ‘CHRISTMAS JUMPER’ 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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