



**Week Ending Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Gospel of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. While he was teaching, Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. "Here is a teaching that is new," they said, "and with authority behind it." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

*(Mark 1:21-28) The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)*



Best attendance for week ending 26<sup>th</sup> January – **Reception with 99.7% attendance** –  
Well done to Mrs Dykes and class for such good attendance.  
Keep up the good work!

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	99.7%	3	Year 4	99.3%	0
Year 1	99.3%	2	Year 5	98.0%	3
Year 2	96.5%	5	Year 6	99.3%	1
Year 3	96.7%	9	School	94.71%	23



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**

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

Charlie (Y4), Lacey (Y3) and Suraj (Y6)

We wish them a wonderful birthday and hope all their wishes come true.



During Lent St Mark's will continue to support lots of charities. On the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018, St Mark's children will be raising as much money as possible for Brain Tumour Research.

They are invited to bring in money all week and purchase a pen, badge or a band. Then on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 children are asked to donate £1 to wear as much pink and yellow as possible. There will be one lucky winner from each class to win a prize for the most pink and yellow worn.

## **EARRINGS**

If your child is to have pierced ears, we suggest that you make arrangements at the start of the summer break. This ensures it is 6 weeks before they can be removed preventing ears closing up and so it will not affect school policy on their return to St. Mark's.

## **THURSDAY MASS DATES/PRAAYER SRVICES**

Family and friends are very welcome to join us on the following dates:



25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 5
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 4
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 2



## **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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018      **Alton Castle Retreat All day – Adult to accompany child**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

4:00pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Name Church  
 3:30pm – Journey of Faith at St. Mark’s school  
 10:30am - Sacramental Enrolment Mass at Holy Name Church  
 10.30am – Sacramental preparation Mass at Holy Name Church  
 10.30am – Sacramental preparation Mass at Holy Name Church  
 10:30am – Sacrament of Eucharist at Holy Name Church

**Class Assembly Dates/Times:**

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



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

**Lost Property**

We would like to kindly remind parents to ensure that all items of uniform and clothing (such as coats, hats, shoes etc.) have children’s names clearly labelled. We have accumulated a large amount of lost property in the school office. Due to items not containing any names it is difficult to return these items to the relevant children.

**“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	A square is a 2D shape with four vertices	Implicit information is information which you need to find out.
Tuesday	Length is the distance something measures from one end to the other.	12 is a multiple of 3 and 4
Wednesday	Double 15 = 30	$3 \div \frac{1}{2} = 6$
Thursday	There are 60 minutes in an hour	$99\% = 99/100 = 0.99$
Friday	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$	$3 \frac{1}{2}$ is a mixed number

**DATES FOR DIARIES**

Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
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

**Teachers’  
Training Days**  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

God Bless

Mr. S. Murphy  
 Headteacher