



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Acting Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley
Week Ending 07th September 2018



Dear parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to hear the exciting news and stories the children have had to tell us about their Summer holiday.

As staff, we are all pleased to be back at St. Mark's and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead. We have welcomed 3 new members of staff to our team this year; Miss Moulton, Miss Cooney and Mr Youngs.

As you already know, we have had some leadership changes this year too. We started back on Monday with a staff training day focused on; 'Moving Forward at St. Mark's'. As a team of staff we reviewed and evaluated data and information from last year to identify some priorities for this year. We feel that it is important to keep you informed as parents and so we have included the following information:

Priorities for Quality of teaching and learning:

- Teachers are held accountable for the pupil data in their classes and are fully prepared for Pupil Progress Meetings through analysis of this data
- To improve progress and attainment of writing in Key Stage 2
- Ensure more able pupils in Key Stage 2 receive appropriate challenge in lessons

Priorities for Outcomes:

- Ensure rigorous monitoring of pupil's work to validate judgements of pupil outcomes.
- Ensure that progress and attainment in Maths, SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) at the end of KS2 is at least in line or above national figures.
- To raise the percentage of More Able pupils exceeding age related expectations in writing, by the end of KS1 & KS2.

Priorities for Leadership and Management:

- Identify more precisely what needs to be improved and establish clear and measurable criteria that will help leaders and governors determine whether they have been successful
- Ensure a whole school Continuing Professional Development Plan is in place, closely linking staff training with school development plan priorities; providing good value for money and maximum impact on teaching and learning
- Ensure progress and outcomes for pupils at Key Stage 2 are in line or above National expectations.

Priorities for Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare:

- Monitor and review all safeguarding systems on a regular basis and involve external agencies to validate systems in school
- Ensure all new members of staff and staff new in post understand safeguarding procedures and responsibilities.
- Ensure the behaviour policy is applied consistently by all members of staff in school

We will of course keep you updated on how well we are doing in relation to the above priorities.

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, develop a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Linley

Farewell

**THANK
YOU!**

Father Alessandro held his final mass here at St. Mark's on Thursday 6th September. We would like to thank him for all his support here at St Mark's and wish him all the best for the future.

Thursday Mass Dates

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

24 th September	Y5
27 th September	Y4
04 th October	Y3

Class Assemblies

Please note: All assemblies start at 2.30pm

Friday 26 th October	Y3
Thursday 6 th December	Rec
Friday 15 th February	Y5
Friday 15 th March	Y4
Friday 24 th May	Y1
Friday 28 th June	Y2
Thursday 11 th July	Y6

Adoremus – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Archbishop



Parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday 11th September at 2.00pm** to partake in an afternoon of prayer, where the Archbishop will be streamed live from his private chapel at Archbishop's House in Birmingham.

Please join us to take part in this wonderful afternoon of prayer.

Attendance for this week:

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception			Year 4	94.4 %	2
Year 1	97.8%	0	Year 5	100%	0
Year 2	88.9%	1	Year 6	93.3%	0
Year 3	94.4%	1	School	94.8%	4



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MATTERS

Dates for Diaries

- Y3 & Y4 swimming begins **Thursday 13th September**
- Y6 Parent Meetings – Secondary School Transfer – **Monday 17th September at 3.30pm.**
- Parents Evenings – **Wednesday 24th October** (3.30pm onwards) and **Thursday 25th October** (4.30pm onwards). More information to follow.
- Class Group Photographs – **Friday 26th October**
- St. Mark's Annual Open Day for Prospective Parents – **Friday 16th November**
- Bake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support – **Week Commencing 24th September** – More information to follow.

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Note

Parking and Congestion



The car park is for staff use only. Unfortunately we are finding many parents are using this car park to drop and collect their children; both before and after school or for Helping Hands.

This **MUST** stop. This can cause a hazard if children are walking through the car park. Parents must not use the car park at any time during the day. We advise parking on the road and escorting children in and out of school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Important Reminder

If Parents have updated their contact numbers over the holidays, please inform the school office. It is essential that the school holds the correct contact information for pupils. Could we also remind parents to ensure that the school has a minimum of **TWO contacts** for their child that we could reach in an emergency.



Thank you.

School Term Dates

Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Tuesday 4 th September To Friday 26 th October -Half Term- Monday 5 th November To Friday 21 st December	Monday 7 th January To Friday 15 th February -Half Term- Monday 25 th February To Friday 12 th April	Monday 29 th April To Friday 25 th May -Half Term- Monday 10 th June To Monday 22 nd July

God Bless

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