



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Acting Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 26th October 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week in school this week and a busy half term for everyone. Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all your support this half term. I hope you all found this week's parents' evenings useful. We will be analysing the parent questionnaires that you completed and I will inform you of the findings in the near future. We are always striving to raise standards and to be the best that we can be at St. Mark's, your feedback is important to us.

Here are some of the improvements we have made as a school since starting back in September:

- * We have reviewed our safeguarding procedures in school and we now have 3 Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs. Linley, Mrs. Dykes and Miss Grant so should you have any safeguarding or child protection concerns, please see one of these members of staff. (There are posters up and around school too with photographs on.)
 - * We have developed our Reading sessions and continue to develop them so that they best meet the needs of all children. Please help us by hearing your child read at home on a regular basis.
 - * We have driven standards in handwriting across the whole school this half term.
 - * We have adapted our phonics programme in school to enable children to spend more time developing their writing skills and this is beginning to show an impact in Key Stage 1.
 - * We are using a range of assessment strategies to validate teacher assessment judgements and to identify the next steps in learning so that we can improve the rate of children's progress.
 - * We have reviewed our school's self-evaluation and action planning processes and there is now more rigour so that we can accurately identify priorities for improvement and precisely measure the impact on pupils' outcomes.
- I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5th November.

God bless

Mrs Linley and the St. Mark's Team



BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK TO MRS KHAN, WHO IS LEAVING US TODAY TO GO ON MATERNITY LEAVE. WE WISH HER AND HER HUSBAND ALL THE VERY BEST.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE HARVEST COLLECTION FOR BRUSHSTROKES. *THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.*



WE WILL BE SELLING POPPIES AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AFTER HALF TERM FOR PUPILS TO PURCHASE. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE TO MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY.



On Tuesday 23rd October 2018, selected year 3 and 4 children went to Hamstead Hall to compete in a football tournament.

First, we practised passing the ball in preparation for our matches. We won our first match 6-1. We played lots of other games and came 4th overall. I enjoyed the matches the most because it helps me with my football skills.

By Desire Y4

Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving an award in our Congratulations assembly this week. Keep up the great work!



Year 1: Palvi, Myles & Prabhkirat

Year 2: Destiny, Daniel & Dilshaan

Year 3: Ayva, Kieran & Claudia

Year 4: Tiya, Flynn & Kaiden

Year 5: Arjun, Olivia & Oskar

Year 6: Tylen, Joan & Alannie

Dates for Diaries:

- Deadline for Secondary School applications – **Wednesday 31st October**
- Deadline for ordering APFS Christmas Cards – **Monday 05th November**
- Year 1 Maths Workshop – **Wednesday 07th November**
- Year 3 Mass – **Thursday 08th November**
- Inspiration Day – **Friday 9th November**
- Operation Christmas Child- bring boxes in to school by **Monday 12th Nov**
- Science Investigation Day - **Friday 30th November**
- Monday 7th Jan 2019 – **Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils**

