



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

This week started with an anti-bullying assembly in the school hall led by Year 6. The focus this year for anti-bullying week was CHOOSE RESPECT. Bullying is an important issue and we take this very seriously in school. Well done to Year 6 for presenting on this issue. As well as anti-bullying week, it has also been Vocations Week in school. Children who have an interest and a passion for cooking visited the City Kitchen LIVE whereby they planned a healthy menu, cooked it themselves in a professional kitchen and then got the chance to taste their creations. As well as this, many of you kindly gave up your time to come into school this week to share your own career experiences with the children. The feedback from the children was very positive and they felt very inspired by you – thank you!

Lastly, it was very pleasing to see your feedback from the parent questionnaires you completed before half term (please see below). As always, we strive for the very highest standards here at St. Mark's, I will continue to keep you informed on the progress we have made at the end of every half term. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Linley and the St. Mark's Team



## We are pleased to share the results of our parent questionnaires:

Question	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
The Catholic identity & values of the school are:	75%	22%	2%	1%
The teaching of RE is:	66%	33%	1%	1%
The quality and teaching of learning is:	69%	29%	4%	1%
The regular communication at school is:	49%	42%	7%	2%
The schools high expectation of my child is:	64%	32%	35%	1%
The regular homework provided for my child is:	45%	38%	17%	0
Children's behaviour at St. Mark's is:	48%	43%	8%	1%
The safety and care provided by St. Mark's is:	72%	25%	1%	2%
The extra-curricular opportunities provided by the school are:	44%	41%	14%	1%
The ICT activities in school are:	45%	45%	10%	0

### Thursday Mass Dates



Mass  
Schedule

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3



We would like to say a big thank you for all the support we have received regarding the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. It was lovely to see so many boxes that had been brought in to school. This has allowed us to be a part of changing children's lives all over the world with a simple gift.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Be Organised, Prepared & Ready for a Great Day!

We would like parents to support the school in encouraging children, especially in KS2, to be independent and responsible for their belongings such as P.E and swimming kits. We are finding that some children are coming in to school regularly forgetting kits, when they are needed. Getting into a good routine of packing bags together the night before, means a smoother start to the day and less chances of important things being forgotten.



### Holy Name Christmas Fayre

All are welcome to the Parish Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. It will be taking place at Holy Name Parish Centre following the 12.30pm Mass. It is free entry and there are plenty of stalls including home made goods, lucky dip and book stall.

*The team at Holy Name look forward to seeing you.*



"On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 selected year five and year six went to Hamstead Hall to take part in a basketball competition and we won four out of the five games, we lost one. I passed to members of my team. Some schools were tough as they would intercept the ball and score; others were easier because we could get the ball more. I also enjoyed my day even though there were tough times. I scored and missed some goals."

**By Lily Y6**

### Congratulations and Well Done!

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



**Reception:** Sumaya, Delphi & Hena

**Year 1:** Lyla, Madhav & Chyna-Rose

**Year 2:** Arjun, Dilshaan & Raman

**Year 3:** Maria, Kian & Shanice

**Year 4:** Vishal, Jemima & Lacei

**Year 5:** Musawir, Jake & Dawid

**Year 6:** Emma, Dhruvi & Jayden

### Coming up:

- NSPCC Assembly – **Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Nov**
- Y3 Visit to WW1 Trench Experience – **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**
- Y1 Visit to Wyre Forest – **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**
- Science Investigation Day - **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**
- Y5 visit to Thinktank – **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**
- Y2 Visit to West Midlands Safari Park- **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**
- Y6 Alton Castle Residential – **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**
- KS1 Nativity – **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING  
UP**

**Next Teacher  
Training Day:  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**