



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Acting Headteacher  
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Dear Parents,

This is the feedback from the recent questionnaire given to our KS2 pupils on safeguarding:

Question	Yes	No
The school teaches me how to keep safe (road safety, stranger danger etc.).	99%	1%
I feel confident about approaching a member of staff if I feel unsafe or unhappy in school.	93%	7%
I know what to do in the event of a fire in school.	98%	2%
I learn about e-safety and know how to keep safe when using the internet.	100%	0%
When I am ill or injured the school looks after me.	94%	6%
The school site is kept safe and clean.	90%	10%
When I am taken on a school visit, I feel safe and well looked after.	96%	4%
I understand what bullying means.	99%	1%
I know what to do or who to talk to if I am being bullied or think someone is being bullied.	96%	4%

As you can see, there are many positives. We are always striving to improve and listed below are some of the plans we have made and actions we have already taken in response to this questionnaire:

### I feel happy at school.

- Malachi team member working in school with children and families 1 day a week
- A worry box in every class so children can share their worries,
- Emotional health and wellbeing workshops,
- Staff training on identifying emotional health and wellbeing issues and training on how best to support individual children's needs,
- Staff review curriculum and children's needs – further develop and foster a love of learning and lifelong skills,

### I feel safe at school

- Include pupil voice groups in health and safety walks and feedback findings to the children and the Governing Body,
- Involve children in creating and updating risk assessments with members of staff,
- Involve children in improving safety in school – identify what children feel are the issues and what can be done about them?

Question	Always	Sometimes	Never
I feel happy at school.	50%	49%	1%
I feel safe at school.	79%	20%	1%
School staff look after me.	82%	18%	0%
I feel safe in the playground	52%	43%	5%

### I feel safe in the playground

- Involve school council in improving safety in the playground – identify what children feel are the issues and what can be done about them?
- Install and purchase new and purposeful playground equipment, Involve children in the process of how staff conduct risk assessments for the playground,
- Screening around school playground gates.



We are doing lots of things to keep children safe, however, it concerns me that some parents are still choosing to park on the yellow lines on Kingsdown Avenue before and after school. I have spoken to the police about this matter, as this is not safe for children at St. Mark's. Parking on yellow lines becomes even more dangerous in bad weather when children and parents have to walk around cars parked on the yellow lines to get to the school gates.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES!**

God bless,  
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



### INTERCOM SYSTEM

This is located by the doors used to enter the foyer, next to the school office. We have had these installed to ensure extra safety and welfare of pupils, staff and visitors of the school. Please ensure that you press the bell, so that the office may let you in as these doors will be locked at all times.

### **Thursday Mass Dates**



Mass  
Schedule

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

31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 6
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4

### **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!



**Reception: Ryan, Rose-Marie & Delphi**

**Year 1:** Szymon, Anah, Lia & Nasri

**Year 2:** Zia, Holly & Blessing

**Year 3:** Patrycja, Elena & Kimaya

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

**Year 5:** Jasmine, Natassia & Musawir

**Year 6:** Amber, Jayden & Caitlin

### **Class Assemblies**

Please note: All assemblies start at 2.30pm

*please  
join us*

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**



#### **Teacher Training**

**Days:**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### **Upcoming events**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Holy Communion Commitment Mass**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Confirmation Commitment Mass**

### **School Term Dates**



<b>Spring 2019</b>	<b>Summer 2019</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
To	To
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>-Half Term-</b>	<b>-Half Term-</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 03 <sup>rd</sup> June
To	To
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July