



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Acting Headteacher
Mrs. D. Linley



Week Ending 8th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Wednesday was the start of Lent and we had Deacon Terry join us to distribute the ashes – thank you to all the parents who joined us for this service and to Year 6 for leading it. During Lent we do many things to try to become closer to God. We must always (no matter how difficult it can be at times) remember that God is with us just as he was with Jesus during his time in the desert.

We had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. We had lots of children dressed up as book characters in school, and lots of fun and engaging reading activities took place. It was lovely to watch our Year 6 children visit the Reception class to read stories to them – they were all fantastic. A big thank you to Miss. Allen for organising this.

A Prayer for Lent

Father God, You have given us the season of Lent to draw us closer to you. Help me to know you more personally. Open my heart and mind to hear your voice during the coming weeks so that I may trust in you more and more.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

God bless,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Thursday Mass Dates

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



14 th March	Year 5
21 st March	Year 3
28 th March	Year 4
4 th April	Year 6
11 th April	Year 5

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: Suriyah, Adam & Ava

Year 1: Zakaria, Myles & Keeley

Year 2: Chase, Raiyaana & Christina

Year 6: Judyta, Tylene & Joan

Year 3: Maria, Shanice & Lucy

Year 4: Annie, Isaa & Kaiden

Year 5: Arjun, Isaac & Kai



Good Shepherd Appeal Assembly: On Tuesday 5th March, a visitor from Father Hudson's Care visited St. Mark's School to explain to the children how the money they raise in their Lenten money boxes will support homeless and vulnerable families in Birmingham. We would be grateful if the boxes could be brought back in to school by **Monday 8th April 2019.**



HAIRSTYLES

We would just like to remind you that *no extreme haircuts*, including shaved patterns or dyed hair are allowed at school. For further details see the school planner. Also if you are unsure about any aspect of uniform/PE kit/ hairstyles etc. please check our school website for more information.

PARENT CONSULTATION WEEK – Thank you

A huge thank you to both staff and parents for a successful consultation week. If you did not see your child's class teacher please ensure you make an appointment to see them at the end of the school day. This meeting is vital in order for you to understand how to best support your child at home so that they meet their full potential.



GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies on the school's governing body, one is for a parent vacancy and the other is a Foundation vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please collect a nomination form from the school office. Foundation governors are appointed by the Archbishop and must be practising Catholics. If you are interested or require more information about becoming a foundation governor, please speak to Mrs. Linley.

Class Assemblies

Please note: All assemblies start at 2.30pm

*please
join us*

Friday 15 th March	Y4
Friday 24 th May	Y1
Friday 28 th June	Y2
Thursday 11 th July	Y6

DATES FOR DIARIES

Trip Dates

Tue 12th March- Y2 – Blakesley Hall
Wed 13th March – Y6- Shakespeare's Birthplace
Weds 13th March – Y5 – Newman University (Science Week)
Thurs 14th March –Rec – Ash End Farm
Friday 15th March – Y3 – Chester Grosvenor Museum
Thurs 21st March – Y4 – RSPB Sandwell Valley
Tues 26th March – Y5 – Haden Hill House



Upcoming events

Monday 11th March – Science Assembly & Sublime Science Workshops
Thursday 21st March – Reception Height, Weight & Hearing
Thursday 11th April – KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 1:30pm & KS2 Easter Egg Competition 2:15pm

School Term Dates

Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Tuesday 8 th January	Monday 29 th April
To	To
Friday 15 th February	Friday 24 th May
-Half Term-	-Half Term-
Monday 25 th February	Monday 03 rd June
To	To
Thursday 11 th April	Friday 19 th July



**Teacher Training
Days:**
Fri 12th April 2019