



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 17th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We are in to our third week now in school and I would like to thank you all for your support and your feedback regarding the new changes we have made. We appreciate you adhering to the new guidelines as this helps to keep everyone safe.



One of the most important aspects of your child/ren's education here at St. Mark's is coming together for acts of Collective worship. Whilst children in their own bubble can participate in collective worship, we recognise that you as parents have not yet had the opportunity to do so in school. Below is a link to the Wednesday Word resource. We hope that this child-friendly resource will help you share the Gospel news with your family and friends.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=3.3>

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

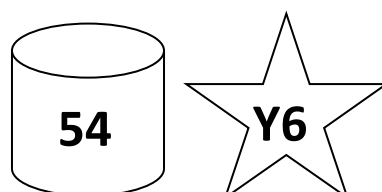
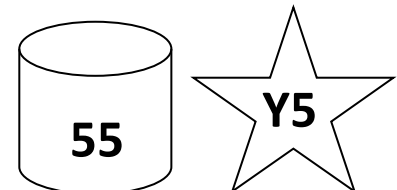
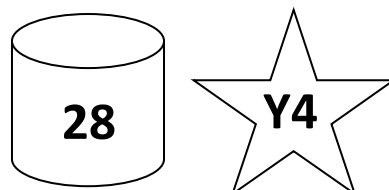
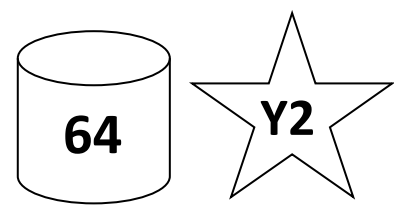


Exciting News!!!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Dykes is expecting her second baby. Mrs. Dykes' baby is due in the Spring term so we will keep you posted on what changes will occur in the future. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Dykes and their family our best wishes on such wonderful news. Congratulations!



STAR AWARDS – Well done to **YEAR 1** for earning the most stars this week!!



New Government Guidelines

Guidelines have changed this week as to how school is to respond to a positive case of Coronavirus. No doubt, you will have read, seen or heard of schools in the local area having to send year groups home to self-isolate for 14 days. So far, that has not been the case here at St Mark's and I thank you and your children for following the school rules on hygiene, social distancing and the test and trace procedures.

I know the struggles that many families are having in applying for and getting tests for Covid-19. Please speak to the school office if you have tried numerous times to get a test as tests must be administered within the first 5 days of the onset of symptoms of Covid-19.

Please **ONLY** request a test if you or a member of your household is displaying one of the Covid-19 symptoms (only the individual with the symptoms needs to be tested):

- high temperature,
- a new and continuous cough
- a loss of taste/smell

At this time of year, children will become ill with other illnesses such as the common cold or stomach bug.

Contact Details/Email Address

Please can you make sure school has your up to date contact details. I cannot stress enough how important this is. Also, we have not had many responses regarding email addresses, we require these to send letters and messages electronically, as we want to avoid sending out paper copies. Please let the office know if your details have changed, whether that be a mobile number or your e-mail address.

Birthday Sweet/Treats

Please note, that due to the current situation (covid19) we can no longer accept birthday treats to be distributed to your child's class. Many thanks for your co-operation.

After School Sports

On the day your child is attending one of the sporting after school clubs (run by Sporting Elite), they can wear their jogging bottoms and trainers to school.

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 19th October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

