



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have read the letter emailed out to you yesterday – this contained important information about our school procedures and practices. If you did not receive this email, can you please inform the school office immediately so we can ensure you receive this information.

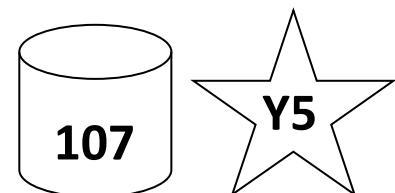
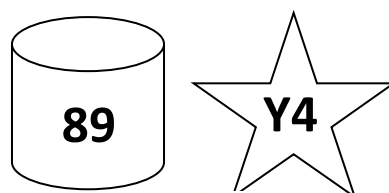
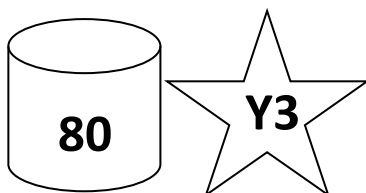
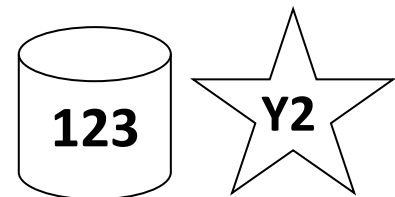
We all have a role to play in keeping this virus contained as much as possible. I, like many of you have had family members, friends and colleagues affected in some way by the virus. It is therefore very worrying to hear reports that some parents are not taking the new guidelines seriously. Please continue to keep your distance in the playground from others and keep children in other bubbles away from each other before and after school.

We are doing everything we can in school to keep your children and the staff safe. Whilst we cannot enforce any parent to get their child tested who we believe has displayed symptoms, we would hope that you would not put other children and staff in school at unnecessary risk. If you are in any doubt of the procedures to follow – please contact school and we would be happy to advise you.

Please also be mindful and respectful of others around you. I am encouraging you all to wear face masks when you drop and collect your children, however, you will not be judged if you're unable to do this. Let's keep ourselves and everyone around us safe by being as careful as possible.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

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



POP BAND AWARDS – The following children have achieved their **WHITE** pop band award:

- Lacei (Y6)
- Tiya (Y6)

SWIMMING SESSIONS:

We are pleased to inform you that as part of the National Curriculum, Year 3 will be having weekly swimming sessions beginning Thursday 1st October 2020. More information and letters to follow via email.



Family Support

We recognise that many families have encountered financial difficulty during the last 6 months and the situation does not appear to be improving for many of our families. There are a number of things we can do to support you. Please get in touch if you are in need of some advice or support. Please do not struggle alone.

Message for Year 6 Parents Only - Secondary Transfer Letters

Please ensure that you have **completed your secondary transfer forms online by 31st October 2020**. www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you need advice, please contact the school office.

Mission Together Prayer

May all children in the world, share love, share friendship, and live in God's peace; now and forever.

Amen.

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