



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you all for your respect and cooperation with the changes we have made in school these last two weeks. The changes made are to keep your children, the staff and everyone as safe as possible. It has been reassuring to see so many of you wearing your masks and keeping a safe distance from staff and other parents.

I must also thank the St. Mark's team for showing total dedication to the new normal; embracing new roles that ensure our children's needs are being met online and in the classroom. Despite a few teething problems and minor issues on TEAMS, this week has been very successful.



Many of you are on Twitter and many of you follow us on Twitter - if you have an account, please follow us, our school account is: @StMarksRC

We will be posting daily and weekly updates to keep you updated with what is going on in school and to also showcase some of our children's excellent learning!

We are very proud of all of our children - whether in school or at home, you are doing brilliant! 😊

Take care and stay safe,  
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



Spread The Word with those around you...

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:  
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>



## TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

Sofia(YR)	Julia(YR)	Leo(YR)	Nathan(Y1)	Imaan(Y1)	Eva(Y1)	Ryan(Y2)
Connor(Y2)	Rose-Marie(Y2)	Kyle(Y3)	Joshua(Y3)	Palvi(Y3)	Zahra(Y4)	
Raiyaana(Y4)	Holly(Y4)	Teigan(Y5)	Ivy(Y5)	Mya(Y5)	Arya(Y6)	
		Hafizur(Y6)	Vishal(Y6)			

## Congratulations and Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week.

Keep up the great work!

**Reception:** Mahira & Piotr

**Year 1:** Brady & Thomas

**Year 2:** Adam & Taon

**Year 3:** Lyla & Madhav

**Year 4:** Zahra & Victoria

**Year 5:** Teigan & Mya

**Year 6:** Zayaan & Moiz



# How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

## Access to Microsoft Teams Using Xbox PlayStation Firestick and Smart TV

We Use Microsoft teams for remote learning, Normally accessed via a laptop or pc it is however browser based. Given that most games consoles have browsers you can access on PS4, PS5, Xbox, Smart TV and Firestick with a compatible web browser. You don't need a keyboard or a mouse just a controller.

### X Box

\* Go into my games and apps

\* Find Microsoft edge and select

\* Type in: Microsoft Teams and login as you would in school

\* You can then access your work through teams and one drive and use key packages including: Word, Teams, Excel, PowerPoint and your emails.

\* To move around use the controller or plug in a mouse.

### PlayStation

\* Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon ( it is WWW with dots around it)

\* Press the PS4 logo on the controller

\* Go to the library and find options for games and applications and you will find the internet browser

\* Type in: Microsoft Teams and log in as you would in school.

\* You can then access your work through teams and one drive and use key packages including: Word, Teams, Excel, PowerPoint and your emails.

\* To move around use the controller or plug in a mouse.

### Firestick and Smart TV

\* Identify the internet browser icon (it is normally either internet explorer a large E or Google Chrome)

\* Go to the library and find options for applications and you will find the internet browser

\* Type in: Microsoft Teams and log in as you would in school.

\* You can then access your work through teams and one drive and use key packages including: Word, Teams, Excel, PowerPoint and your emails.

\* To move around use the remote or plug in a mouse.



## How are you **keeping fit** in lockdown?



Mr. Mc Loughlin has been working with our children in school to inspire, engage and support them to keep active and healthy. We want this to continue throughout lockdown - staying active has many benefits for our overall health.

Next week, we will be posting weekly videos on Twitter and on BGfL of Mr. Mc Loughlin's 5 min daily fitness challenges, this will consist of 3 moves (upper body, lower body and core) for a minute each, resulting in a full body workout. We want as many children, parents and families to get involved so get up off that sofa and get moving! 😊 The prizes will be given to the overall winner from each group: (Group 1: Year R, 1 and 2, Group 2: Years 3 and 4 and Group 3: Years 5 and 6).

Sporting Elite has kindly offered to donate weekly prizes to children who complete the daily fitness challenges and upload their results!





# French Day

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, we will be holding a French Day. We would like children to dress in the colours of the French flag on this day. (Our school jumper is red, so if you would like to wear our school jumper – you can do! 😊)

Children will be learning about the French culture as well as practising the French language.

## Online Safety Training to Support our Parents



Dear Parents,

We hope you will have taken some time to read the Safeguarding Newsletter we published this Christmas (it is available on our school website) because more than ever, keeping your child safe online is crucial. Under the current lockdown measures, more children will be accessing online websites, online games and apps. Every Friday, one of our DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads) will be delivering an e-safety session to all children learning from home. Mrs. Linley will also be holding a session for parents only of Year 5 and Year 6 children on e-safety on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please look out for this in your inbox as details will be sent out soon!



## Home Learning Packs



Hopefully, you will have seen on Twitter, that our home learning packs (please note these are only for children who are learning from home) will be available to collect from school on Monday.

Children attending school will not receive a home learning pack, they will however, be given a class text to keep in school.