



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all feeling refreshed after the Easter break and you managed to get out in the sunshine. We were so pleased to see the children's bright smiling faces coming back into school on Monday morning.

We are pleased to hear that the numbers of COVID-19 cases are coming down and with the opening of shops and outside areas it is starting to feel like we are getting back to some sort of normality. We are still remaining vigilant at school though with washing our hands and not mixing bubbles so hopefully we will not see any further bubbles having to isolate. It is still as important as ever to look out for each other, we aren't quite out of the woods yet!

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

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

TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



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



Dottie(YR)	Tianne(YR)	Luca (YR)	Marcelo(Y1)	Kane(Y1)	Mia(Y1)
Kaiden(Y2)	Ryan(Y2)	Jasdeep(Y2)	Elisia(Y3)	Joseph(Y3)	Natalia(Y3)
Aimee(Y4)	Blessing(Y4)	Victoria(Y4)	Kimaya(Y5)	Raphael(Y5)	
	Anushka(Y5)	Jeremiah(Y6)	Isaa(Y6)	Arya(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: Adam & Piotr
Year 1: Ellie-Mae & Rajveer
Year 2: Ava & Connor
Year 3: Hristiyan & Zuzanna
Year 4: Blessing & Hubert
Year 5: Shanice & Elana
Year 6: Arya & Tianna



How many stars can you earn online with j2stars?

WELL-BEING

Prior to the Easter holidays, all children were given the opportunity to speak individually with their class teaching assistant in order to express their feelings about school, having been back a few weeks since the end of lockdown. We are pleased to say that the vast majority of children are really enjoying school and are glad to be back in their routines. Attendance has been great, and we can see how happy the children are coming into school each morning, which makes a huge difference. Moving forwards, we have re-introduced 'worry boxes' in each class, enabling children to express any concerns they may have any time at all, either anonymously if they wish, or named if they want an adult to speak to them specifically.

The other action we've taken is to spend some time this week talking to the children specifically about Coronavirus and the current situation with the pandemic, in order to tackle misconceptions and ensure that the children's minds are put at ease.

The following websites are really useful if any of you would like to access them and discuss them with your child at home:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/general-science/what-is-coronavirus/>

This is very well explained in children's terms.

<https://www.each.org.uk/family-zone/wellbeing-resources-for-families/how-to-explain-coronavirus-to-children>

Includes stories and video clips to explain the virus and tackle misconceptions.

Sponsorship Opportunity

We have purchased a number of sports kits for the children to wear for fixtures, festivals and events in the future. Putting on a school kit fills children with pride and grants them fantastic opportunities to represent the school and showcase their talents. We are planning to do as much as we possibly can once we are allowed to do so, covering all ages and abilities. All the children need is energy and enthusiasm! If anybody is interested in sponsoring us for these kits, please get in touch with Mr Ellicott. We'd like to have the official St Mark's badge put onto each shirt, and could potentially add a company badge too as a sponsor. We are very much looking forward to putting these kits into action in the near future.



Sporting Elite Multi Sports Club

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Sporting Elite have made us aware that no after school clubs will be taking place next week, Monday 26th - Friday 30th April. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

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/trust?pid=MTA101634&v=24.5>

School Term Dates

INSET DAY – School will be closed to pupils on Friday 28th May

Summer Term 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

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

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021



Operation Decoration!

Do you want to help Year 6 on their mission to transform our outdoor classroom? We need you!

Year 6 suggested to our School Councillors that our outdoor classroom was tatty, old and beginning to go mouldy. We voted on a name for our mission, 'Operation Decoration' and that's where it all began! We have been working hard to design, plan and begin to write letters to local companies but we need your help!

Our ideas so far:

- Create opportunities to make music outside
- Design and make a weather station— to help with our science
- Paint the wood to make it bright and engaging
- Add cushions and beanbags to develop an area to relax, talk to our friends and read
- Plant flowers to attract bees and butterflies
- Add boxes of books and games to provide us with more things to do at playtime
- Create sensory walls to help us be well and happy
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As well as this advert, we are writing to local companies for donations as well as fundraising in school. We met with Mrs Linley this week to propose a pyjama day (where we all pay £1).

How can you help us? What do we need?

- Unwanted wellies (any size will do)
- Hanging baskets
- Compost and bedding plants
- Unwanted cushions, pillows and duvets



Please bring any donations to the green gates in the morning/after school and leave under the shelter.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of Year 6 (you can do this by emailing the office).



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