



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week after the half term holiday. Our new security gates and perimeter fencing is almost completed - thank you for your patience.

Keeping safe in the sun is very important. As the weather gets warmer, please do put sun cream on your children before coming to school and supply them with a sun hat and a water bottle. Girls can wear summer dresses and boys can wear shorts (please see our uniform page on our website for clarification).

Thank you to all the children who took part in this week's science fayre. I enjoyed looking around at the different projects on display after school.

Our Year 3 children and parents joined us on Thursday of this week for a Reconciliation preparation meeting. Please can we keep our Year 3 children in our prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who attended our multicultural showcase on the last day before half-term. Recognising and celebrating our differences is something we are all very proud of and we are very blessed to have such supportive parents.

Thank you again,

Have a wonderful weekend!

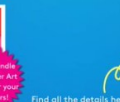
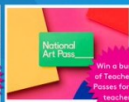
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team



ENTER OUR NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY DRAWING COMPETITION!

Calling all young artists! Would you like to win a hamper of art supplies for your class, and a bundle of Teacher Art Passes from Art Fund for your teachers? All you have to do is: All you have to do is:

- Send a free thank you to your teacher via our website
- Create a drawing or painting of your favourite teacher / support staff member.
- Email us your work of art at competitions@teachingawardstrust.com



SEND YOUR FREE E-CARD AT WWW.THANKATEACHER.CO.UK TO ENTER!

If your child would like to thank a teacher for the day on June 19th, please click the QR code or access this via X, Instagram and facebook as well as other social media apps.

Lockdown Drill

This week, the children practised a lockdown drill in school. These drills are very important as they prepare children for what they need to do should we have to go into lockdown.



Healthy Snacks and Litter

On World Environment Day this week, our Laudato Si' mission team worked hard to clear our school playground of litter. Whilst there was not a huge amount of litter on the floor, the litter that was collected mostly consisted of crisp packets, sweet wrappers and chocolate/snack bars.

Please supply your child with healthy snacks for break time and a healthy packed lunch for dinner time.

Many thanks

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Well done to **Year 1** for their attendance this term and to **Year 2** for having the least amount of lates.


Please can **Year 4** ensure they attend school everyday and arrive to school on time.

We have noticed the number of late children rising and whilst we are aware of the road closures/works taking place, can you please ensure that you give yourself plenty of time to travel to school so that your child is here on time. Thank you.

Gates open between **8.30 and 8.45am**. Registers close at **8.55am**.

Our target is **97%** we are currently at **95.0%**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	So Far This Term	So Far This Term
	No. Of Lates %	Attendance %
RECEPTION	93.2%	3.0%
YEAR 1	95.6%	1.2%
YEAR 2	92.7%	0.9%
YEAR 3	94.5%	1.2%
YEAR 4	91.0%	3.1%
YEAR 5	95.5%	2.0%
YEAR 6	94.1%	1.3%

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 11th June—Individual Photographs

Tuesday 11th June—Y5 Parent workshop—2.30pm

Wednesday 12th June—Y4 Writing workshop—2pm

Friday 14th June—Y3 Trip to Dudley Zoo

Monday 24th June—Y5 Trip to Thinktank

Wednesday 3rd-5th July—Y6 Alton Castle Residential

Friday 12th July—School Summer Fayre (more details to follow)

Friday 19th July—End of Summer Term

**Monday 22nd July 2024 - Teacher training Day
(school closed for all pupils)**

Thank you to SUEZ!



It was a very informative and interesting day on Wednesday. A BIG thank you to the team from SUEZ!

Albert Goes to Space - World Book Day Project

Albert Goes to Space!

Albert Mouse - Dartmouth's most fa mouse resident



Created by the pupils of
St. Mark's Catholic Primary School
&

JAMES HYWEL
Book Fourteen

Great news! Our school book (written and illustrated by all the children at St. Mark's School) has been published!

The cost of the book is **£5** - which saves 45p off sale price! The author has also agreed to make a 50% donation of our school sales to allow us to make links with the local library and buy new books for our school.

There is no limit on the amount of books you can buy and you can order and pay via School Gateway. The deadline for you to buy the books is **Friday 21st June** as this will allow us to have the books to you by the summer holidays.

Well done to all of our children - it is a fantastic book!

WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19TH 2024



We will be celebrating world sickle cell day on the 19th June 2024.

Sickle cell disease is a group of conditions in which red blood cells are not shaped as they should be. Red blood cells normally look like round discs. But in sickle cell disease, they're shaped like sickles, or crescent moons, instead.

A member of our school family who has Sickle Cell Disease will be leading a presentation to commemorate this day. This will give all of us information, raise awareness and allow this member of our community and their family to share their own life experience of living with this condition. All are welcome to join for this presentation at 9am in the school hall.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

WE NEED YOU!

We have been lucky this year to have had members of our school community, and external speakers talk about what makes them unique. This could have been due to a medical need, a special need or a disability.



It would be great to hear your stories and give you a platform to share your experiences and raise awareness.

If you would like to share your story with your class or with the rest of the school, please let Mrs Dykes know via ClassDojo.

ARBOR PARENT APP



Can all parents please ensure they have downloaded the Arbor app to gain access to the Parent Portal.

The Parent app can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or App store on i-phones.

We are hoping to start adding payment items on Arbor, and therefore require all parents to create an account as soon as possible.

If you experience any difficulties in creating an account, or require any assistance, please contact Mrs Hussain in the school office, who would be more than happy to help.

