Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

14th May 2021

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

It has been wonderful to return to school this week and to see everyone again. Many thanks for your wishes and prayers. I feel back to full strength and am looking forward to the weeks ahead.

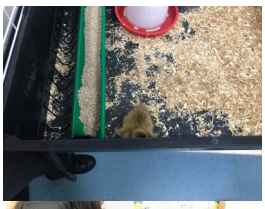
Parental Behaviour Around School

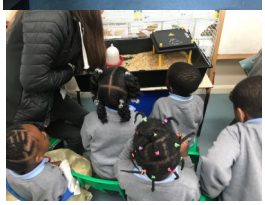
I want to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance for all adults in our school community to model and demonstrate our school core values of **compassion**, **hard work**, **accountability**, **respect** and **trust** at all times through their personal conduct in school, outside the school gate and around the school site. Unfortunately, this was forgotten by some parents earlier in the week and a disruption was created outside the school gates. If you have any concerns, please raise them calmly with the school staff. We will have no hesitation in escalating any threatening or aggressive behaviour to the police, as we were required to do so in this instance.

Message to Year 5 Parents

Before the end of the year, I hope to hold a short meeting for you to talk you through the secondary school transfer process. However, it is important that you begin to do your own research now if you have not already started to and look at the websites of the schools you are interested in. Please do not leave this until September, as time goes fast and you will also need to undertake school visits for some of the schools on your short lists.

Early Years Update





We are thrilled that once again both our school Nursery and Reception class for September 2021 are almost filled. Pupil numbers across Lambeth are low this year due to Brexit and a fall in the birth rate, yet St Mark's remains popular within the local area.

Cedar Class have had some new additions during the past few days and they look forward to welcoming some more new class members next week

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing in Society

BIBLE VERSE

1 John 1.7

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin ."

Classes

N -Cedar Class — 91.3%

R- Ebony Class— 92.96%

Yr 1-Juniper Class —97.5%

Yr 2-Oak Class — 95%

Yr 3-Olive Class — 91.85%

Yr 4-Palm Class — 86%

Yr 5-Sycamore Class – 93.55%

Yr 6 - Willow Classs – 96.9%

WELL DONE!

Year 1 & Year 6 have achieved the school target of 96%.

Please can parents arrive by 8.45am as lateness has been an issue this week for many children. Thankyou

Promising New Teacher Award In Lambeth

This award is in Memory of Toby and Milly Savill (Reverend Steve and Rebecca Coulson's Daughter and Son in law), who were both young teachers in Lambeth schools that tragically died in an accident in Greece in April 2019.

We were **absolutely delighted** that Kimberly Stewart was one of the winners. It is a **massive achievement** and we are **very proud** of Miss Stewart. It is particularly special that one of the teachers at St Mark's won this award as Rev. Steve is our Chair of Governors and is such a wonderful support to St Mark's.

Miss Stewart won the award due to her **enthusiasm**, **positivity** and **passion** for **teaching and learning**. Also the wider contribution she has had in Lambeth. Miss Stewart has been involved in the Raising the Game's Aim High events which motivates pupils from Caribbean backgrounds. She delivered presentation to groups of children about her education, career and journey.

This was the feedback Miss Stewart received from the children after the event:
"Kimberley Stewart inspired me to become a teacher."
"The teacher inspired me the most."
"I learned everyone can have a good job. I want to be a surgeon but I was inspired today to be a teacher. It was perfect"
"I learned that you can be anything you want and no one can stop you, the teacher taught me that."

Miss Stewart is a very deserving winner of the Promising New Teacher Award.

Miss Brockwell was also nominated for the award. The Lambeth School Partnership thanked us and recognised that the quality of submissions from schools outlined the incredibly high standard of education that the nominees are bringing to Lambeth schools. They extended their gratitude to Miss Brockwell and congratulated her for her ongoing energy, skills and positive attitude that she provides for the pupils and families of St Mark's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Mark's for the incredible job they do every day and for showing true dedication and passion to the education of the children at St Mark's.

Mental Health Awareness Week

10—16th May 2021

The theme is Connect with Nature.

Connecting with nature is about building a relationship with nature by noticing and becoming sensitive to the environment around us. This has benefits for our physical and mental health.

Mental health is made up of **our thoughts, feelings, mood and behaviour**.

We all have mental health, just like we all have physical health.

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These are a few ways we can look after our Mental Well-being:

Connect with others
Take notice of our surroundings and care for our environment
Be Physically Active
Eat Healthily
Keep Learning
Give to others—Kindness, Time
Extend gratitude for the 'little' things in life
Laugh and have fun!

After School Clubs

It is great that we have been able to resume our after school clubs again this term and so many children have been able to participate in them.

Due to interest from parents, we are able to offer available spaces in **Arts Club**, **Craft Club**, **Science Club** and **Multi-Sports Club**. If you would like a space within one of these clubs, Please email Bibiana, our after school clubs co-coordinator on : bgarcia@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

School Trips

Reception class enjoyed a trip to Vauxhall Pleasure gardens and got to see some of the animals in Vauxhall City Farm as part of their topic on animals. Many thanks for the par-

Green Fingers – The Big Grow 2021

Starting next Monday 17th May, ISS, our catering provider, are running the **Green Fingers – The Big Grow 2021**,

For the past nine years, ISS has held Green Fingers in the spring to help teach pupils about the seed to plate journey. Each year it has been used to promote gardening and cooking skills, as well as to encourage children to try new, healthy fruits and vegetables.

Over the 2 weeks we will be offering tasty snacks in the dining hall, 1 per day on selected days.

1. Ha-pea beetroot & orange salad
2. Sag Aloo
3. Beetroot Hummus
4. Beetroot Slaw
5. Broccoli & Carrot Crisps.

Please encourage your child to try these tasty treats

The **Healthy Start** is a national scheme aimed at improving the health of pregnant women and families on benefits and tax credits. The vouchers are available to eligible pregnant women or anyone with a child under 4 years old. Pregnant women and children aged one to four receive one £4.25 voucher per week. Babies under one year old will receive £8.50 per week.

Families in receipt of the vouchers will also receive vitamin vouchers.

What can I use the vouchers on?

The vouchers can be spent on:

- plain cow's milk – whole, semi-skimmed or skimmed (including pasteurised, sterilised, long life or UHT)
- fresh, frozen and tinned fruit and vegetables
- dried and tinned pulses,
- infant formula milk that says it can be used from birth and is based on cow's milk

Vouchers are accepted at all the large supermarkets and some smaller local retailers

Am I eligible?

Your family must receive any of the flowing:

- Child Tax Credit (only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (which includes the child addition)

Universal Credit (only if your family's take-home pay is £408 or less per month from employment)

You will also be eligible for Healthy Start if:

- you're under 18 and pregnant, even if you are not claiming any benefits
- you claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and are over 10 weeks pregnant

you or your partner get Working Tax Credit run-on only. (Working Tax Credit run-on is the Working Tax Credit you receive in the 4 weeks immediately after you have stopped working for 16 hours or more per week)

To find out if your family earns £408 or less per month from employment whilst claiming Universal Credit, look at your 'take-home pay for this period' on your monthly Universal Credit award notice.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form (in black ink) found here www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply

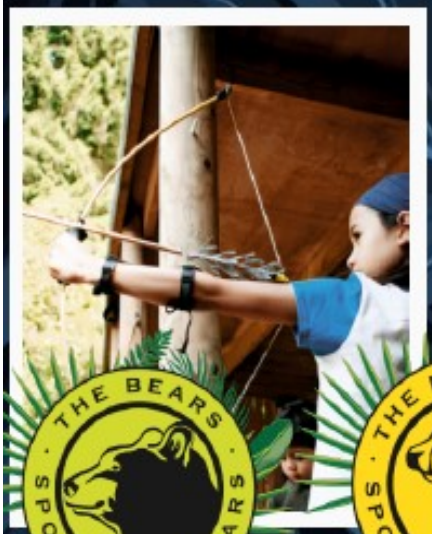
Send the completed form to:

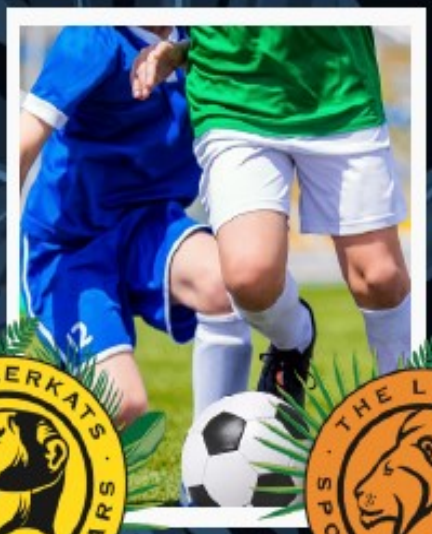
Freepost RRTR-SYAE-JKCR
Healthy Start Issuing Unit
PO Box 1067
Warrington
WA55 1EG

Kids Holiday Camp

CHURCHILL GARDENS PRIMARY ACADEMY, PIMLICO

SPORTY SCHOLARS





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KIDS HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMP
AGES 4-12

Specialty Sport and Activity Camp teaching Tennis, Football, Cricket majority of the day with other acticivties such as Soft Archery, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Baskebtall, Nerf, Water Works... and more!!

Dates:

Week 1: May 31st to 4th June 2021
Week 2: August 2nd to 6th 2021
Week 3: August 9th to 13th 2021
Choose to come for the whole week, or pick and choose days

Limited Spaces Available
Book Online
Call Nick for More Info 07877861112

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