Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
10th November 2017

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

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents present last night to meet with class teachers and find out about how your children are progressing. If you were not able to come, speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible in order to arrange an appointment. It is crucial that both parents and the school work closely together in order to support your child's learning. Many thanks also for your feedback, which we always appreciate and will respond to during the year.

Shoebox Appeal

We hope that you will be able to support Operation Christmas Child this year! Yesterday details were given to you about how you can make a Shoebox to send to another child in a different part of the world. Last year we sent off over 100 shoeboxes. Please follow the instructions carefully and return your box before 9.00am on Thursday 16th November 2017.

E-Safety Training

In the last newsletter we informed you of a parents e-safety workshop that is taking place on Monday 13th November from 9.00-1.00pm. I am sure that we all as parents recognise the potential risks that children face each time they access the internet. This workshop aims to provide parents with practical help and support for keeping children safe when they are online.

School Bags

Please note that our blue school bags are part of our school uniform. They are usually priced at £8.50 but until Christmas we will sell them for £5.00. Please make your purchase whilst stocks last.

Value of the Week

COMPASSION

BIBLE VERSE

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble!

Peter 3:8

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 80.00
Reception— 98.56
Year 1 - 96.67
Year 2— 94.58
Year 3— 94.84
Year 4— 95.17
Year 5— 98.62
Year 6— 96.67

Punctuality

Please make sure that you are in the playground and in line at 8.55am. There is an increasing number of children arriving late to school after the register has been taken and the learning has started. Help children to be on time and ready for school.

What's been happening at St Marks?...

Year 1 are inspired to write within their space pod inside their classroom

Classes competed against each other in a Spelling Bee to raise the profile of spellings across the school.

Children in **Year 5** received a workshop on flight to encourage them to think about engineering in the future.

Children in **Yrs 3** and **4** participated in an Ancient China Day when they made noodles, learnt about origami and took part in a Taekwondo sessions.

SPECIAL THANKS

What a fun packed week of activities:

A special thank you to our guests and tutors **Ms Amanda Delaney** and **Ein Quan** for providing sessions of **Taekwon-do** at our **Ancient China Day** also to **Mrs Erelonu Onojobi** for providing our **Flight Workshop** to Year 5, the children were truly motivated and inspired.

LATE PICK UPS!

Please remember to pick up your child/ren at **3.30pm** or after school clubs **4.30pm /*4.45pm** Taekwon-do. Children in **Yrs 1-6** who are not picked up at the correct times will go to **After Care Club** and parents will be charged **£10.00** on each occasion.

Healthy Pack Lunches and Snacks

Thank you to all Parents that are making a great change by providing healthy packed lunches and healthy snacks. Please remember we have some children that have NUT ALLERGIES, so please avoid any ingredients containing nuts e.g Peanut Butter, Nutella Spreads, Nuts etc

Unwanted Towels

If you have any unwanted towels at home, we can make use of them in our new Nursery. Please give them to a member of staff within the school Nursery.

Monday Parent's Prayer Meeting

Please come and support our parent's prayer meeting every Monday morning in the Green port-a-cabin after drop off. It will be a helpful, short opportunity to pray for all members of the school community.

Payments to the School Office

Parents please have the correct money when paying for Dinner Money, School Trips, School Uniform, and Clubs. The office staff are unable to provide change for any purchases. Thank you.

Stars of the Term for Term 1

At the end of each term, teachers select 3 children who have demonstrated excellent achievement in learning, excellent effort in their commitment to their work and excellent collaboration in the way they have worked with others. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities but the children below who have been identified for **Term 1** are:

	Achievement	Effort	Collaboration
Reception	- Makayla Agutor	Derek Kwakye	Moriah Khani
Year 1—	Emanuel Abdi Essy	Luna Serrao	Judith Akowuah
Year 2	Ana Ribeiro	Ahinoa Paucar	Maria Victoria Soffiati
Year 3	Faith Omolewa	Amirah Mansour	Grace Jolaopa
Year 4	Letizia Ortiz	Stephanie Marin	Bruce Borrero
Year 5	Ky-anh Bach	Dimitri Williams	Elisa Loja
Year 6	Kachine Graham—Batten	Andre Toussaint-Daley	D'Andra May James

E-Safety Workshop—Keep your child safe online

at St Mark's Church of England Primary School.

When: Monday 13th November

What time: 9.00am - 1pm

Lambeth

- Do you know how to keep your family and yourself safe online?
- Do you want to be able to monitor what your children are looking at online?

On this workshop you will learn:

- How to monitor what your child sees online and what practical steps you can take to protect them.
- How to identify the main potential threats to your child's safety from them being online regularly.
- At least 3 strategies for keeping your family safe online.
- How to keep yourself safe whilst online

You will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

Free lunch is provided for all who attend

Autumn Tem Dates for 2017/18		
Date	**Event**	**Details**
Date	**Term 2 events 2017/18**	Details
Monday 30th October 2017	Children return to school	8.55
Wednesday 1st November 2017	Mental maths Challenge CW	1.0 pm
Wednesday 1st November 2017	TA's Performance Management all day	Louise to cover
Wednesday 8th November 2017	Action Tutoring Starting for Yr6	8 – 9.30am
Wednesday 8th November 2017	Chinese Day For year 3 & 4 Launch of topic	Hall out of use all afternoon
Thursday 9th November 2017	Parents Evening in the hall	3.45-7.00
Friday 10th November 2017	Flu immunisation for YR1 – YR4	9.00 am
Friday 10th November 2017	YR 6 out at Wandsworth Waste Centre	am
w/c Monday 13st November 2017	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 13th November 2017	E-Safety for parents	
Wednesday 15th November 2017	Coffee Morning & Drop in session to discuss Speech and Language needs	Led by Mrs Moses our School Inclusion Manager
Wednesday 15th November 2017	Hall needed for YR1 Science/topic	1.30 onwards
Thursday 16th November 2017	Final day of shoebox appeal	
Friday 17th November 2017	Year 2out to the Science Museum	
Monday 20th November 2017	YR 5 & 6 Cricket tournament	12pm – 3pm Kia Oval
Tuesday 28th November 2017	Visitors from Walhampton Prep School are coming to St Mark's for the day	
Wednesday 29th November 2017	YR 4 out at the Science Museum	All day
Tuesday 5th December 2017	Caterlink Burger Day	
Friday 8th December 2017	YR 5 & 6 Chess competition	All day
Wednesday 13th December 2017	EYFS Nativity	In Hall 2.30pm followed by mince pies and hot drinks
Thursday 14th December 2017	Christmas Lunch for the children	
Friday 15th December 2017	Class Parties	1:15 onwards in Classrooms
Tuesday 19th December 2017	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th December 2017	St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2 All are welcome
Wednesday 20th December 2017	**Christmas Craft Market**	**3.30-4.30**
Thursday 21st December 2017	**End of Term 2**	**School finishes at 1.30 pm with staff remaining for a 2 hour twilight session**
Tuesday 9th January 2017	Beginning of Term 3	School begins at 8.55am

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

The Lord Mayor 's Show

Saturday 11th Nov, 9am-2.30pm, FREE (All Ages)

Firework display at **5.15pm** / www.lordmayorsshow.org

This year's show welcomes the New Mayor of the City of London with a flotilla of boats along the Thames including QRB Gloriana and many other traditional Thames barges from the livery companies and Port authorities. They set off from Westminster at 8.30 and Tower Bridge will open in salute at 9.25. At the end of the day, a firework display is set off over the Thames but for the best view head down to the riverside between Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges.

Lord Mayor 's Show Celebration - Bank of England Museum

Saturday 11th Nov, 11am-5pm, FREE (All Ages)

Threadneedle St (entrance in Bartholomew Lane), EC2R 8AH / 020 7601 5545

www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum / Nearest Tube: Bank

The Bank of England Museum will join in the celebrations with special family events including face painting, presentations on banknotes and info sessions about gold. Test your strength by trying to lift a genuine gold bar, weighing 13 kilos and take a #GoldVaultSelfie which you can share on social media. Other attractions include a giant banknote jigsaw and try out your safe cracking skills - with prizes!

Messy Church (St Paul 's with St Saviour 's)

Sunday 12th Nov 3.30 – 5.30pm, FREE (All ages)

St Paul's with St Saviour's Community Centre, 24 Blenheim Gardens, Brixton, SW2 5BZ

www.stpaulsbrixton.org/messy-church / 020 7788 7259

Arts, crafts, games, stories, songs and food; messy fun for the whole family, all welcome!

SouthBank Centre - Next Generation Takes Over, Classical Meets Jazz

Saturday 11th Nov, 1.15pm (30 minute performance) /FREE (All Ages)

Nearest tube & rail: Waterloo / Embankment

Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Come hear young musicians perform in a showcase event where classical meets jazz

SouthBank Centre – Wintertime Market

Saturday 11th Nov & Sunday 12th Nov 11am – 11pm , FREE to entre (All Ages),

Queen's Walk, Riverside, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Nearest tube & rail: Waterloo / Embankment

Southbank Centre's *Wintertime Market* 2017 features Nordic-inspired wooden chalets filled with festive food, drinks, gifts and treats for all

Horniman Museum – Art Makers/Fox Masks

Saturday 11th Nov 1.30 – 2.15pm & 2.45 – 3.30pm /£3 per participating child, adults free

Activities are designed for families with children aged 3+ / www.horniman.ac.uk

Education Centre, 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3PQ, 020 8699 1872

Join us in Art Makers to create fabulous, furry fox masks

National Gallery, Book Fold Story Told

Sunday 12th Nov 11am – 1.00pm & 2.00 – 4.00pm / FREE (Ages 5 – 11yrs)

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN

Nearest tube & rail: Charing Cross / Leicester Square

Meet at Pigott Education Centre Foyer (Orange Street entrance)

Find out about the life of Saint Francis by exploring Sassetta's beautiful paintings and create an illustrated book. Places are limited and allocated on arrival. Children must be accompanied by an adult