Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

10th September 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 Pupils, Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It is wonderful to be back at school and to see the playground full with pupils and parents once again . We now have combined playtimes and collective worship each day. Nearly all children have returned to school and we are very pleased to welcome new children into Years 2, 3 and Year 4 as well as the new families who have joined us in Nursery and Reception. We have exciting plans for the months ahead, which we will share with you in our next newsletter. In this newsletter, please take notice of the key dates for this term; the information for after school clubs and the details on air pollution and car free day. There are also notices on office procedures that you will need to note.

We were very pleased to welcome earlier today the Archbishop of Canterbury –Justin Welby—to the school. He is the leader of the Anglican Church across 165 countries and he gave the children a lovely lesson in collective worship based on the Lost sheep. Even though we get ourselves lost in life, Jesus comes seeking after us like the good shepherd did in the famous parable that Jesus told in Matt 18.

We are here to help

After a turbulent 18 months, we look forward to doing all we can to support our children as they begin school and return to school. Across the school this will include: counselling, dramatherapy, speech and language groups, English as an additional language support, 1-1 tuition, small group tuition, interventions, ECH plan provision, social skills groups, pastoral support and mentoring all in addition to high quality class-based teaching and learning.' We will be working very closely with our external partners which include the Lambeth's Autism Advisory Service, Educational Psychologists and Speech and Language therapists.

Key People who are available to support you this term are:

Mr Ingram and Mrs Eade who will be taking on the SEN and Inclusion Caseload for Term 1

Mrs Natasha Guy—Pastoral Support and working with parents and families

Miss Destiny Tomlin—Health Mentor working with children across the school

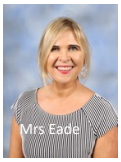
Mr Emmanuel Okuromade—Sports Coach and Pastoral Support

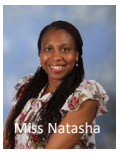
Louise Spurdell—Speech and Language Therapist

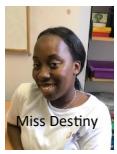
Georgina Wilkinson—Dramatherapist

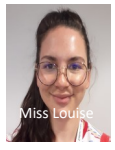
Alexander De Sausmarez and Nicola Wolfe –Educational Psychologists

We will make direct contact with families next week to discuss plans and support









VALUE OF THE WEEK

Passion for learning

BIBLE VERSE

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you

Matt 7:12

WELL DONE!

The attendance across the school this week has been brilliant, keep it up. Remember that you must be in line by five to nine!

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2021/22

Date	Event	Details
3th September 2021	Children return to school	
6th September 2021	A staggered start in Reception Class	
6th September 2021	A staggered start in Nursery Class	
9th September 2021	Year 3 and 4 Music Lessons resume	
9th September 2021	Year 5 Weekly chess resumes	
10th September 2021	The Archbishop of Canterbury visiting St Mark's	Visiting the school from 8.45-9.15am
13th September 2021	Willow Class visiting CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Arrive at school by 7.00am
13th September 2021	Meet the teacher meeting Year 1 3.00 pm – 3.20 pm	In the school hall
14th September 2021	Willow Class return from CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Return by 4.30-5.00pm tbc
14th September 2021	Meet the teacher meetings Year 2 9.00 am -9.20 am Year 3 3.00 pm – 3.20 pm	In the school hall
14th September 2021	Willow Class resume ICT sessions and Cricket Coaching at the Kia Oval	Afternoons PE kit needed
15th September 2021	Meet the teacher meetings Year 4 9.00 am -9.20 am Nursery 3.00 pm – 3.20 pm	In the school hall
16th September 2021	Meet the teacher meetings Year 6 9.00 am—9.20 am Year 5 3.00 pm – 3.20 pm	In the school hall Year 6 meeting will be followed by a secondary transfer meeting
17th September 2021	Reception 9.00 am -9.20 am	
20th September 2021	Artists from Van Gogh House are in to work with Palm Class	
22nd September 2021	Car Free day	The roads around school will be closed to vehicles between 2.30-5.30pm.
24th September 2021	Willow Class visiting the Van Gogh Alive Exhibition	Parent volunteers needed Kensington Gardens
27th September 2021	Harvest Festival Week	
27th September 2021	Artists from Van Gogh House are in to work with Palm Class	
30th September 2021	PSHE parent workshop	Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 welcome at 9:00am
October 5th 2021	Olive Class visiting Museum of Londdon	10-3.00pm. Parent volunteers needed
6th October 2021	1-1 Tuition for Year 6 begins	
7th October 2021	Oak Class visiting Vauxhall City Farm 2pm	Adult helpers needed
13th October 2021	Parents' Evening	Further details to follow
14th October 2021	Parents Evening	Further details to follow
20th October 2021	Phonics Workshop	EYFS and Year 1 Parents at 9:00am
22nd October 2021	Cultural Dress Day and last day of Term 1	Children to wear cultural clothing or the national flag colours

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2021/22 cont ...		
Date	**Event**	**Details**
w/c 23rd -29th Oct 2021	Half Term	
1st November 2021	Children return back to school for Term 2	School begins at 8.55am
11th November 2021	Remembrance Day	
w/c 15th November 2021	Anti-bullying week	
Tuesday 8th December 2021	EYFS Nativity tbc	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity tbc	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Thursday 16th December 2021	St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2
Thursday 16th December 2021	Last day of Autumn Term	
Tuesday 4th January 2021	**Children return to school**	

Car Free Day On 22nd September 2021

On 22nd September, our school will be celebrating Car Free Day . Please note that Kennington Oval (between Harleyford Road and Vauxhall St) will be closed to all cars between the hours of 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Global Action Plan, will be supporting us, along with Lambeth Council. Residents will be able to access their homes and will be guided through the street with a steward. Emergency vehicles will retain access at all times.

We will be running a play street with plenty of fun activities for students to enjoy as they use the street space free of cars. These activities will include a Cycle Skills session, games, crafts and much more. The Green Society will also be conducting a survey on the day to collect data on how students are travelling to school and to capture perceptions around street closures and active travel. The Green Society will also be conducting a survey on the day to collect data on how students are travelling to school and to capture perceptions around street closures and active travel. It would be great if as many parents as possible could support us on the day. Please inform Mr Ingram or Miss Winter if you are able to volunteer during the afternoon by helping

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN 2021

Clubs run from 3.30 pm to 4.25pm, except * Taekwon-Do on Wednesdays **3.30pm-4.45pm**

Clubs will be **only £3.00**** per session! (£30.00 per term) ****First 2 Clubs half price for Pupil Premium**

Children **MUST** wear **PE kits** for **all** sport activities.

Payment and bookings should be made on ParentPay on a first-come first-serve basis.

11 weeks of clubs – Pay only 10 weeks

Clubs will START the week commencing Monday 20th September 2021

DAY & CLUB	AVAILABLE TO YEARS	Places Available	Club Cost
MONDAY			
TENNIS	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
TUESDAY			
DODGEBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
GARDENING	Years 1 – 3	20	£30.00
WEDNESDAY			
MULTISPORTS	Years 1 – 3	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
*TAEKWONDO (KS1 & KS2 places available)	REC. Yr1 & Yr 2 ***3.00pm – 3:30pm** Yr 3 – 6***3:30pm – 4:45pm**		
THURSDAY			
COOKING KS 1	Years 1-2	15	£30.00
FRIDAY			
FOOTBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £30.00
HOMEWORK	Years 2 – 6	20	£30.00

Last week of clubs will be the week ending Friday 10th December 2021

Payments for clubs are NON – TRANSFERABLE or REFUNDABLE:

- **If your child changes his/her mind.**

If clubs are CANCELLED due to staff absence.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AS ALL CLUBS ARE ALREADY SUBSIDISED

DUE TO DEMAND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF CLUBS. If there is not enough demand for certain clubs, we may not be able to run them this term.

Please Pay using ParentPay

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Mark's Afterschool Clubs for AUTUMN Term 2021

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for the after school clubs this term for pupils in Year 1 to 6.

After school clubs for the Autumn Term will **begin w/c 20th September 2021 and will run for 11 weeks, ending on Friday 10th December 2021.**

The cost for each club is £3.00 per week and due to the earlier closure of clubs last term, only 10 weeks will need to be paid this term. The total cost for this term will be £30.00 per club.

All payments will be via ParentPay. Please log on to Parent Pay to book your child/children's places **by Wednesday 15th September 2021**. If you need any assistance booking online, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Please note these conditions apply to all clubs:

- Clubs have limited spaces and are booked **on a first-come first-serve basis.**

Places cannot be booked if you owe any money to the school (e.g. school dinners arrears/late fees) – please ensure this debt is cleared to allow your child to be assigned to clubs.

Please collect your child on time or give permission for them to go home alone

(Y6 only – must be 10 years).

- **Children who are not collected promptly on more than three occasions will be unable to continue to participate in the chosen club and will be charged a late fee.**
- Your child's place in any club is not guaranteed until full payment has been received and confirmed.
- Those entitled to a discount will need to pay the full amount for the clubs selected and a refund will be made through via ParentPay.
- Children are expected to behave and comply with all the school rules. Those who are unable to do so will be removed from the club without refund.
- Only those children attending a club can stay. **Siblings must be collected at 3.30pm**.
- Please provide your child with a light healthy snack & drink and ensure they have the correct kit

Clubs finish at 4.25pm (Except Taekwondo for KS2 at 4.45pm).

Yours sincerely,

St Mark's Primary School

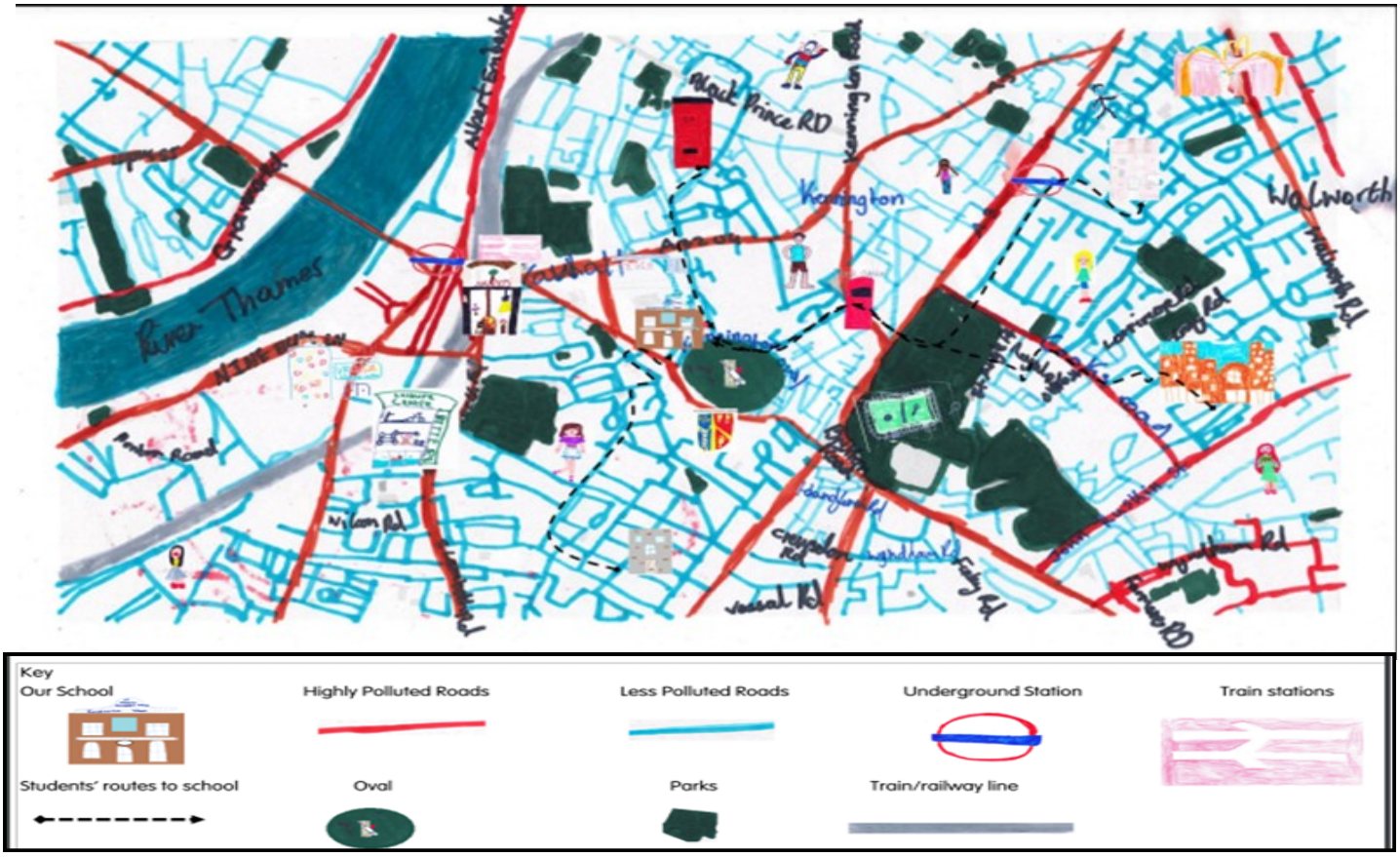
Tackling Air Pollution

Lambeth Schools Air Quality Project

Since last academic year, our school has been taking part in the Lambeth Schools Air Quality Project. The aim of the project is to reduce air pollution in and around the school – and to create a healthier, green, happier environment for everyone.

Our student-led eco-group, The Green Society, created a video on anti-idling as part of their campaign for Clean Air Day in June: https://youtu.be/VJo-xlbhRF0. They have also created a low pollution map to help the school community walk, cycle or scoot to school along less polluted routes. As a school we have also introduce air filters within some of the classrooms to reduce the amount of pollution within the school

This is a map of our local area and shows highly and less polluted roads. We want more students to walk to school safely by using low pollution routes!



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This can help us see which roads are better to walk, cycle, or scoot on, and which roads are best to avoid if possible. It is important to do this as air pollution can damage our health, especially our lungs, brains, hearts and other parts of our bodies too.

We have also drawn on some of our homes and the low pollution routes we take to school. You might also spot some of our favourite places we like to visit in the area.

Here is a quick challenge for you!

Can you find where you live on this map?
Can you work out a route to school which avoids highly polluted roads?
Can you find a route to one of your favourite places which uses less polluted roads?

Created by The Green Society eco-group

This month, we will be enjoying our new air purifiers that were installed over the summer, and we will also be looking to introduce a cycle to work scheme for staff, as well as explore opportunities for delivery reduction and consolidation, all with the aim of reducing our contributions and exposure to air pollution.

Office Notices

School Dinners

ISS Education are our catering provider and will be providing our school dinners

School Meals cost £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week.

Please pay on ParentPay in advance to keep your dinner account in credit and prevent reminders

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals.

We actively encourage families to apply for free school meals, as this will ensure that your child not only receives a free meal but also grants additional support within school through the Pupil Premium funding. Please contact the office for a form.

If your child wishes to bring a **PACKED LUNCH** to school, please ensure the office are informed in advance and that it is Healthy (no sweets, cakes, fizzy drinks etc). Click here for details

The School Office is now OPEN to parents

We welcome parents back into the office for all queries.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8am every day for £2.50 per child per day (£12.50 per week).

Please contact the office for an application form

Up To Date Pupil Records

In order to adhere to our safeguarding duty, please update your child's details on our Pupil Records Form here

We request for this form to be completed at the start of each year to ensure we have your latest details on file to contact you for regular and emergency situations.

We also require your child's updated medical details and the details of the adults you permit to collect your child/ren so we can make sure they only leave with a person identified by you.