Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's News
13th May 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well done to our pupils in Year 3 who led a fantastic collective worship assembly on Thursday on the theme of solving problems. Throughout the week we have talk to the children about the importance of being able to resolve problems and difficulties in a calm, non-confrontational way with clear communication. During the week we also thought about the fact that sometimes it is best to cut off and separate ourselves from certain games, friends and pastimes , as a strategy to avoid problems.

Thanks also to our Year 3 parents, who came out in larger numbers to support their children. During the Summer T erm, children in other classes will be leading collective worship so there will be further opportunities for parents across the school to see their children on the big stage.

Theme: 'The Skills to Succeed'

Week 5: Solving Problems

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

Summer Term Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th May-Year 3 out at Hampton Court

Tuesday 17th May—School's Day at the Oval

Thursday 19th May–Selected Year 5 children involved in a Cricket Tournament

Monday 23rd May–Maths Workshop for KS2 Parents 9.00am

Tuesday 24th May—Parents evening 2.30-7.00 in the hall

Wednesday 25th May–School Journey meeting for Year 4 Parents at 6.00pm

Friday 27th May–Last day of Term 5

Monday June 6th—Staff Inset day no school

Tuesday 7th June—Children return to school 8.55am

Tuesday 14th June—Year 5 children involved in Into University

Thursday 16th June—Year 6 service at Southwark Cathedral 11.45

Friday 24th-Saturday 25th June– Year 5 Camping Trip to Walhampton School

Monday 27th June—Year 6 involved in Into University-tbc

Tuesday 28th June—Year 6 involved in Into University-tbc

Monday 4th July—Maths Week

Monday 4th July–Year 6 involved in cycle training-tbc

Saturday 9th July—School Summer Fair 1-4pm

Sunday 10th July—Year 6 Leavers' service at St Mark's Church

Tuesday 12th—Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm -reports given out

Wednesday 13th—July Sports Day

Thursday 14th July—Year 6 End of Year Production 6.00pm –tbc

Tuesday 19th July—Awards Ceremony

Thursday 21st—Year 6 Leavers' Ball 6-8pm-tbc

Friday 22nd July—Last day of term 1.30 pm finish

During the week we were visited by Peter and Keaton, two local church workers who are based at the London City Mission in Vauxhall. During half term they will be running a free Holiday Sports Club. For more details, visit our website.

DON'T MISS OUT!

As half term is approaching you may be wondering about what your children can do throughout the week. There are lots of free or low cost events across Lambeth that your children can access and benefit from. Please go to the 'Community' section of our website and under 'Enrichment Events' you will find lots of information about events and activities that children can participate in during half term and at other times. For some of these events, we have been informed directly through the close partnerships that we have with local organisations. Please take advantage of these great opportunities that will provide children with times to be active, learn new sports and make new friends.

http://www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk/

Top Tips for Speech and Language

What is Language?

Language is the vehicle for learning. It enables understanding and expression of thought and supports thinking, problem solving and reasoning. Being able to talk and listen well is important in school – to learn, make friends and feel confident. Poor language puts children at risk of poor reading and writing, poor behaviour and poor attainment. If you would like further information about Speech and Language or have any concerns, please speak to Mrs Moses, our SEN Leader.

Summer Fair

Planning is fully underway for our summer fair extravaganza. Over the next few weeks further details will be shared with you about how you can help and support the event on Saturday 9th July 2016 from 1-4pm.

Parents' Evening

Have you signed up? Don't miss your opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out about their targets and next steps. Parents' evening will run from 2.30-7.00pm, with the school day running as normal. Please make sure children are collected at 3.30pm unless they go to a club. Do not collect children late because you have a later appointment.

Free Music Tuition– Don't Miss Out!

Has your child passed grade one for any instrument? If they have please let me know, as Archbishop Tenison's is currently offering free music tuition to pupils from St Mark's anyone who has grade one or above.

Summer is here!

It is great to see many children wearing summer dresses and shorts at this time of year. Can we also encourage children to bring labelled water bottles into school, so they can remain hydrated in lessons and as it gets hotter, labelled sun cream. Summer can be the season when school uniform goes missing. Please remind children to leave jumpers and cardigans on their pegs if they are not being worn and make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Don’t Miss Out!

It was great to see a good number of parents gather on Tuesday to find out more about the exciting animation course next week. The is a unique opportunity to learn new skills , meet other parents and work with your child during the school day on an exciting project. Full training is provided by specialist staff. It is not too late to sign up as the course begins next Wednesday. If you haven’t already booked your place, please do so at the school office. There are still a few spaces available. If child care is an issue, please let us know, as we may be able to help.

CLC Family Learning

Animation course

Come and do a project in your school

At St Mark's C of E Primary School

It is a **6 week course** during which you will work with your child on a creative project.

You will produce a stop-frame animated film complete with a storyline, characters and settings

6 Week Course: Wednesdays 9am - 3pm

Starts Wednesday 18th May 2016

Information session: Wednesday 11th May at 9am

Come and find out more. Meet Marie the tutor

Please tick your chosen option and return this slip to Reception as soon as possible.

I want to attend this course beginning on Wednesday 18th May at 9am

Name: …… Contact Number: ……

Name of child: …… Class: ……

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

18th Annual Kite Day - Streatham Common

FREE (All ages)

Streatham Common, Streatham High Road, SW16 3HG / 020 7739 9893 / www.streathamkiteday.org

Come along, join in the fun or just relax and watch the large display kites and sensational kite displays set to music. You can even FYO (fly your own) - if you don't have a kite, why not make one from a bin bag - visit the website above to discover how.

West End of Blenheim Gardens, off Brixton Hill, SW2 5EU / www.brixtonwindmill.org

Sat 14th May, 1pm-4.30pm

Brixton Windmill will be open in celebration of this year's National Mills Weekend providing an opportunity to meet the mill-wright who looks after the windmill &, wind permitting; a chance to see the sails in motion with the newly designed Bicentennial sailcloth! Short tours are free and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Exploring China - British Museum

FREE (Age 7+)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Sat 14th May, 11am-4pm

Take part in a range of digital activities inspired by the Museum's amazing collections from China. Find your Zodiac character, make your own digital vase and more! Activity lasts 30-40 minutes.

London Tweed Run

FREE (All ages)

www.tweedrun.com

Sat 14th May, 11am in Park Lane for a midday start

A vintage themed cycle ride taking in some of London's most famous landmarks. Riders are encouraged to wear traditional, tweed cycling attire atop their vintage cycles to create a rare spectacle in the centre of the city!

Supporting your child with Maths at home– Cooking

Cooking provides lots of opportunities for learning about maths and how to follow instructions and procedures. Younger children can help with making food and older children can learn to follow recipes or instructions on packets and cook independently. The language of fractions and measurement will come out as you talk about making things together.

For younger children

- Count the amounts of each ingredient being used in recipes.
- Count the numbers of items being made.
- Ask your child to read the number off the recipe and then count the cups or spoons required.

For older children

- Get your child to accurately measure using precise units of measurement including cups, teaspoons, tablespoons, millilitres, litres, grams, kilograms.
- Ask your child to increase/decrease quantities to make more or less than the recipe states
- Encourage your child to find fractions of amounts