Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

13th September 2019

'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 and Governors,

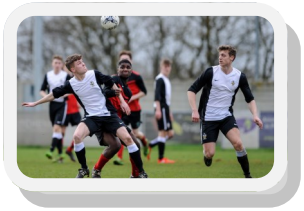
On Monday morning I was given half a day's notice that St Mark's was due to be visited by an Ofsted team on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September. Although we suspected that we would be visited by Ofsted sometime this academic year, we were taken by surprise that it was the second week of term! Nevertheless, the inspection was extremely positive and went very well. We are very pleased with the outcome, which we will share with you within 4 weeks, once we have received the full report.

Many thanks to the children, staff, governors and parents who provided feedback and information to the inspection team this week, but also for the contribution that so many of you have made during the past four years. The school continues to go from strength to strength.

Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SEPTEMBER 2019

After school clubs will start W/C 16th September. Thank all for your collaboration using the new system of payment—ParentPay. There still are **spaces available** at several clubs. Please do book them if interested as clubs will be unable to run without enough children. Please come to the office if you need any assistance.



Value of the Week

Compassion

BIBLE VERSE

"And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.."

Ephesians 4.32

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 95.45%

Reception— 98.67%

Year 1— 96.84%

Year 2— 98.8%

Year 3— 100%

Year 4— 96.33%

Year 5— 97.24%

Year 6— 96.43%

WELL DONE!

Excellent start of the School Year with excellent attendance!

Keep it up!

Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

Behaviour system

This year we have updated our behaviour, attendance and punctuality systems. In addition to a system of sanctions, the staff wanted to make our behaviour chart positive and something that motivates children to do the right thing. Child can now obtain special lanyards for demonstrating:

- Self Control & Collaboration
- Accountability & Leadership
- Effort & Hard Work
- Being Joyful & Positive
- Kindness and Compassion

When children make wrong choices, they are placed on the WHITE square as a warning; BLUE square for time on the thinking chair; YELLOW square means they miss time off their break time and RED square means they are sent to another class for a set period and will spend lunchtime with a member of SLT. Parents will also be informed of any RED squares.

We have also updated our attendance system.

Please have a look at the display in the school hall.

Secondary School Readiness

It seems as though there has been a smooth transition into secondary school for last Year's Year 6 pupils. A number of our former pupils have returned to school to tell us how much they enjoy their secondary schools and also how much they enjoyed their time at St Mark's. Sometimes it is a feeling of "you don't know what you've got until it's gone" and that seems to be the case with the Year 7 children. It was great to see them and they will always be part of the St Mark's family.

On Friday 13th September we hosted a secondary transfer meeting that was well attended by both our Year 5 and 6 parents. The service manager from Lambeth local authority explained the secondary transfer process and staff from three local schools made a pitch to the parents gathered. It was lovely to see some of our former students come back to speak to parents as well.

In weeks to come, we will be inviting the Year 7 pupils back for a reunion at the school.

The key messages for parents who will be applying for secondary school are:

- **Visit the school and make an informed decision for your yourself —** Dates and times are in the booklet given out on Friday.
- **Read and make use of the secondary school brochure that you were given**
- **Look at school websites to find out about the school**
- **Review the admission criteria for each school carefully**
- **Be organised!!** Make sure you fill in supplementary forms, children attend the banding tests and the online application form is submitted by **31st October 2019**

Please speak to Mr Ingram if you have any questions

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES — Oasis Children's Venture

Variety of free activities such as football, boxing, U5s gymnastics, street dance, muay thai and with Surrey Cricket Club as a new partner, cricket too! See website for more details.

Oasis Children's Venture
33 Priory Grove
London
SW8 2PD
07960 698 774 / 020 7622 8756
www.oasisplay.org.uk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM			**U5s Family Gymnastics** 11am - 11:45am Triangle Adventure (SW8 1NE) Ages 2 - 5		**U5s Family Mini-Sports** 10:45am - 11:30am Oasis Nature Garden (SW4 6RJ) Ages 2 - 5
PM	**Family Karting** 5pm - 7pm Oasis Karting Track (SW8 2PD) Ages 8 - 16 --- **Triangle Family Fun** 4pm - 5pm Triangle Adventure Playground (SW8 1NE) Ages 4 - 16	**Family Football** 5pm - 6pm Black Prince Trust (SE11 6AA) Ages 4 - 16 --- **Family Capoeira** 5pm - 6pm Kennington Park Centre (SE11 4BE) Ages 4 - 16	**Family Cricket** 5pm - 6pm Black Prince Trust (SE11 6AA) Ages 4 - 16 --- **Family Muay Thai** 5pm - 6pm Oasis Adventure Playground (SW8 2PD) Ages 6 - 16	**Family Boxing** 5pm - 6pm Black Prince Trust (SE11 6AA) Ages 6 - 16 --- **Family Street Dance** 5pm - 6pm Oasis Adventure Playground (SW8 2PD) Ages 4 - 16	

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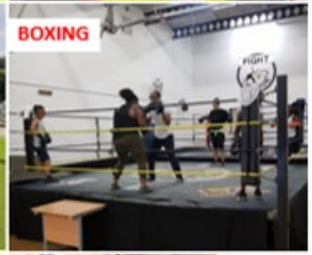

PLAYGROUNDS BRINGING FAMILIES ACTIVE TOGETHER

TRIANGLE AND OASIS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

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8 WEEK PROGRAMME:
9TH SEPTEMBER – 31ST OCTOBER

FOR MORE INFO AND BOOKING

WWW.OASISPLAY.ORG.UK

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OR CALL

07960 698 774

ATTEND 6 WEEKS

CHANCE TO WIN £100 VOUCHER SPORTS DIRECT &

GUARANTEED

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

ATTEND 5 WEEKS

CHANCE TO WIN 3x £20 VOUCHER SPORTS DIRECT

BLACK PRINCE TRUST

SURREY

THE KIA OVAL

@activetogetherlambeth

Term Dates for 2019/20

Date	Event	Details
Monday 9th September 2019	**YR1 meet the teacher**	9am
Tuesday 10th September 2019	**YR6 out to Oval for Cricket and Computing**	1.15-3.15
Tuesday 10th September 2019	**Year 4 starting ballet with Christina from the London Russian Ballet school**	1.30 -2.30
Tuesday 10th September 2019	**YR5 meet the teacher**	9am
Friday 13th September 2019	**YR4 Meet the teachers**	9am in Art Room
Friday 13th September 2019	**Secondary Transfer meeting**	Hall
Monday 16th September 2019	**YR5 Out on school journey to CYE**	Returning 5.00pm on Tuesday 17th September
Monday 16th September 2019	**Clubs to start**	
Tuesday 17th September 2019	**Maths club to start**	3.30-4.25pm
Tuesday 17th September 2019	**Year 2 Meet the teacher**	9.00am in hall
Wednesday 18th September 2019	**Year 5 Meet the teacher**	9.00am in the hall
Wednesday 18th September 2019	**YR 5/6 Dodgeball competition**	12.30 – 2.30
Monday 23rd September 2019	**Swimming starts YR5**	Vauxhall
Monday 30th September	**Phonics training for EYFS parents**	9.00am in the school hall
Monday 23rd September 2019	**YR5 at Into University all week**	
Wednesday 25th September 2019	**Football competition girls only YR3/4**	Kennington Park 9.30 – 2.30
Wednesday 2nd October 2019	**YR 5/6 Boys only competition**	Kennington park 9.30 – 2.30
Wednesday 2nd Oct 2019	**Harvest Festival collection and celebration at St Mark's Church**	9.20am
Friday 4th October 2019	**Phonics Training for Year 1 parents**	9.00am in the hall
Tuesday 8th October 2019	**Box Clever Theatre YR 5/6 plus workshops**	
Friday 11th October 2019	**YR 5/6 Imperial War Museum**	9.30 – 2pm
14th October 2019	**Launch of Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal**	
Wednesday 16th October 2019	**YR 5/6 Boys/Girls Netball competition**	Kennington Park 9.30 – 2.30
Friday 18th October 2019	Cultural Dress Day and International Evening	
Friday 18th October 2019	Last day of term	School closes at 3.30pm
Monday 21st October 2019 – Friday 25th October 2019	**Half term holiday**	

Every Monday and Friday morning at 9.45am	**Reception Admission visits for prospective parents**	Running from October through to December. Booking required
Wednesday 30th October 2019	YR 5/6 Boys/Girls Tag Rugby Competition Kennington Park	9.30 – 2.30
w/c Monday 11th - 15st November 2019	Anti-Bullying Week	
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Monday 11th November 2019	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 27th November 2019	Flu immunisations REC to YR6	am
Friday 29th Nov – 8th Dec 2019	London Chess Classic	
Tuesday 3rd December 2019	Last Maths Club	
Wednesday 4th December 2019	EYFS Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Flu immunisations catch up sessions	
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Friday 13th December 2019	**Final week and final day of clubs**	
Friday 13th December 2019	**Christmas Craft Market**	**3.30-4.15pm**
Thursday 19th December 2019	St Mark's Carol Service 9.30am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2
Thursday 19th December 2019	Class Parties	2.00: onwards in Classrooms
Friday 20th December 2019	Last day of Autumn Term	School finishes 1.30pm
Monday 23rd December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6th January 2020	Inset Day for Staff	
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Term 3 Children return to school	