Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
17th July 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 Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

RE. St Mark's end of Year assessment results 2017

I must take this opportunity to say thank you to the whole school community for the role and effort all have played in moving the school forward on its journey to outstanding. We have made significant progress in so many areas.

The quality of teaching and learning, pupil behaviour, safety and well-being, leadership and management and pupil outcomes have all be judged recently by the local authority as good to outstanding and the school data for 2017 is as follows :

Reception End of Year outcomes July 2017

St Mark's Data for 2017	70%
National Data for 2016	69%

Year 1 Phonics Screening July 2017

St Mark's Data	80%
National Data 2016	81%

End of Key Stage 1 Data (End of Year 2) July 2017

St Mark's Data	Reading77%	Writing 70%	Maths77%
National Datafor 2016	Reading 74%	Writing 65%	Maths 73%

Key Stage 2 Data (End of Year 6) July 2017

St Mark's Data	Reading 54%	Writing 79%	Maths 75%	SPAG 75%
National Data 2017	Reading 71%	Writing 76%	Maths 77%	SPAG 77%

As you can see, we are either above or in line with national expectations from Reception to Year 6 in all areas. Unfortunately the only blip is in the area of Year 6 Reading, which came as a surprise to us. We are already looking into our plans and responses to make sure Key Stage Two reading outcomes are raised for next year. Thanks again to everyone who has played a role in these pleasing outcomes and also in helping to make the curriculum inspirational and exciting through events, trips, activities and tournaments.

Value of the Week

Going into the unknown; adapting to new surroundings and situations; Memories and learning from experiences

Bible Verse:

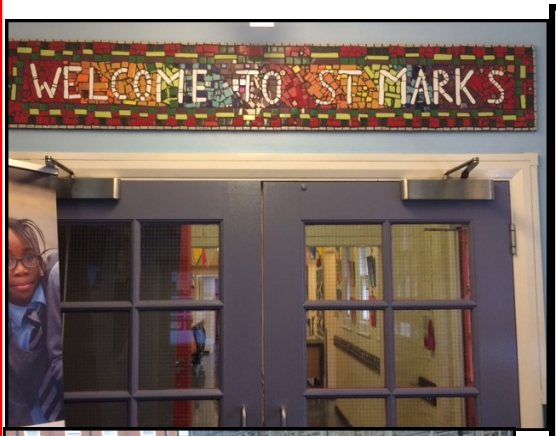
You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good

Genesis 50:20

CONGRATULATIONS

To our RED TEAM winners of this year's Sports Day!

What Has Been Happening at St Mark's?



ART EXHIBITIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please come in and see the amazing art work on display in our corridors outside the main office. This work was completed by children across the school with help and guidance from our fantastic Art Teacher Miss Kes

A helping hand from GOODGYM

Thanks once again to the **GoodGym**, who came to our school to help us with jobs, before jogging back home

CHESS TOURNAMENT

St Marks played Chess against Crampton Primary school last Monday 10th July.

We had a Victorious WIN.

CONGRATULATIONS

PARENTS SHOWCASE EVENING

It was great to see so many parents present to collect their children's reports and to look at their work on Wednesday. many parents expressed surprise about the quality and quantity of work in their children's books. Well done to all of the children who performed in front of parents on Wednesday. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you haven't collected reports.

ST MARK'S SUMMER FAIR 8th July 2017, 1-4pm

Thank you for supporting our second summer fair. It was fantastic and we raised nearly £1600

YEAR 6 Leavers

There must have been 40 members of St Mark's School who were present at St Mark's Church on Sunday 9th July as part of their special leavers' service. The congregation prayed for our children and they were awarded with a special Bible from the church.

Dear Year 5 Parents,

On Thursday your child received an important secondary school booklet from the local authority. Please keep it safe, as we will not be able to obtain any additional copies. Also do look up the open days for the schools that you want to apply to, as many of these will take place during the early part of September 2017. We will be holding a secondary transfer meeting during the second week of September. We hope to confirm the date next week. Please be present, especially if this is your first time to go through the process.

Vacancies

For next year, we have some spaces in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other Year groups are full with waiting lists. We hope nobody from our school community will be leaving, but if you are, please inform Mr Ingram or the school office, so we can offer places to children on our waiting list.

Back to School Uniform

I know that it is right at the end of term and some school shoes have broken or children have grown out of them, but when we start back in September, please ensure that all children return with full school uniform, including the blue St Mark's school bags. See more information on the next page.

School Term Information

UNIFORM SALES:

From September 2017, uniform sales will be online only. If you need to purchase uniform for the new term, please go to the school website http://www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk/Uniform/

If you need help with placing your order online, please also contact the school office.

School Dinners:

In September 2017, the price of School Dinners will increase from £2.25 per day to £2.30per day which is £11.50 per week. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive a free school meal. All children in other classes will need to pay or bring in a packed lunch. If your believe that your family circumstances entitle your child to free school meals, please can you complete a form from the office to check asap.

After School Club Registration:

In the Autumn Term (September 2017 – December 2017), After School Clubs will not re-start until the week of Monday 25th September. Registration for clubs will take place the week before.

After School Care:

Nearly 10 of the 30 places have already been reserved for our after school care from 3.30-6.00pm, starting in September. If you would like to reserve a place, please inform the office and pay a £20 deposit.