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The St Mark's Fortnightly News
17th March 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

A NURSERY IS COMING TO ST MARK'S!

It is official! After months of meetings and discussions amongst Governors and with Lambeth Local Authority, we can confirm that St Mark's will be offering Nursery education for children **aged 3+ from September 2017**. This is very exciting news and we hope that you will do all that you can to support us, as we continue on our journey to achieving outstanding outcomes for your children at the school. Starting a Nursery will help us to improve children's educational outcomes even further as we will be able to start them earlier to set the foundations. It will also help us to increase the school roll, which will bring further funding into the school, during a time when school budgets are being cut.

Please do all that you can to promote our Nursery. If you have children who will be 3 years old by 1st September 2017, come and obtain an application form. If you have friends or neighbours that are looking for a Nursery place, obtain an application form for them. We are able to offer free, full-time places if you meet a certain criteria. Enquire at the school office for further details.

Holiday Sports at St Mark's

In response to the most recent parent survey in February, the school will be hosting an Easter Holiday Club from **Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April** for children aged 7-11yrs. The cost is £15 per day or £60 per week. It will be run by a company called 'Sports Box' led by Emmanuel Okuromade who works as our sports coach and school mentor. If you would like your child to take part, please see the details on page 4 of the newsletter. A separate flyer will go out next week.

Value of the Week:

Kindness / Caring for our School Community

Bible Verse:

Be kind to each other, tender hearted; forgiving each other Ephesians 4:32

Red Nose Day

Next **Friday, 24th March**, the school will be raising money for Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day. Children can dress in red and white on the day and as a homework task, we would like children to make up an original joke. If the jokes are good and funny, children will have the opportunity to share them with the whole school in our celebration assembly. We would like all children to **bring in £1** which we will donate to Comic Relief charities.

The Whole School Are Singing

Wherever I seem to go in the school, I hear beautiful, melodic voices as children practise for upcoming performances.

The School Choir have been practising hard for a school-based concert taking place on **Monday 27th March**. This will begin at **2.45pm** and will take place in the school hall.
The school recorder group and guitar group will also be participating.
All Are Welcome!

Year 2 children will be performing at The Royal Festival Hall during the Lambeth Music Festival on **Tuesday 21st March at 1.30-2.30pm**

Please return letters as soon as possible and speak to Mrs Norridge if you can go with the class. They will leave school at 9.20am I hope that many of you will be able to attend.
Call **0844 847 9910** for more tickets.

Year 4 have been busy practising for their Easter production at **St Mark's Church** on **Wednesday 29th March at 9.30am**. The whole school will be there and we hope as many parents as possible will be present to support this event.

Year 5 will be performing at **The Royal Festival Hall** on **Tuesday 21st March** at **5.30-6.30pm**. Please return letters ASAP. On the day children we will be leaving school at 1.30pm to prepare for the performance.

They will need a packed lunch and water that they can have as a snack before their performance. Please speak to Mrs James if you can accompany the children on the trip. Children will also need to be collected from **The Royal Festival Hall at 6.30pm** as there won't be anyone to return the children to school.
If nobody is available to collect children from after the performance unfortunately they won't be able to take part and will need to be collected as usual at 3.30pm from school.

What has been happening at St Mark's?

Thank you to our **Year 1** parents who attended the **Year 1 Collective Worship Assembly** and then a short phonics workshop afterwards. Please can all parents read with their children each night to support them in developing their reading skills, comprehension and love for literature.

Reception children are now enjoying milk as part of their snack bar.

It was lovely to see the learning that has been taking place in **Reception** this week. Their caterpillars which were tiny things last week are now big, bushy 2cm long creatures and lots of their frogspawn have grown tails and are busily swimming around their tank.

A big well done to **Natalie, Jacob and Jose** in **Year 4** and **William** in **Year 3** for their excellent efforts on Monday in a tennis competition against other schools. We played eight matches altogether and won six of them. Stars for the future.

Sport

Easter Half-Term Fun 2017

@ St Mark's School

3rd – 7th April

ages 7+

£15 per day
(drop-in 9am registration)

£60 per week
(book for the week and get 1 day free)

WIN PRIZES

SPACES ARE LIMITED

Lunch at 12noon
(please provide your child with a healthy lunch)

9.30am–3.30pm daily
(9am registration)

Activities Include

Tag Rugby
Dodgeball
Tennis
Volleyball
Hockey
Handball
Cricket
Dance
Basketball
Treasure Hunt
Tug of War
Benchball
Boccia
Table Soccer
Kings 4 Square
Table Tennis
Football

Collect a Registration form from the office

To book a space please complete the form, include fee and return it to the office in an envelope.

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