Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

18th June 2018

'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, Children and Governors,

Exciting Plans and proposals at St Mark's

During the past few months, staff, governors, surveyors and outside agencies have discussed together how best we can utilise and develop the outside space that we have at St Mark's. I am very pleased that progress has been made and some money has been made available (although we need to bid for some more) to improve the outside space.

Our main objectives are:

1)To increase opportunities for children to grow, make and eat healthy food

2) To reduce childhood obesity through providing opportunities for children to be active in the outdoor spaces

3) To enhance the outdoor space and increase the opportunities for children to learn outside in an attractive, well prepared environment

4) To raise further income for the school through providing a space that can be hired for use by other groups within the local community

Phase 1- Develop the school gardens and purchase ovens for cookery by September 2018

Phase 2 - Purchase more outside play equipment for children to be active by September - December 2018

Phase 3 - Purchase of a new Porta-cabin and a creating a 5-a-side football pitch

VALUE OF THE WEEK

INCLUSION - School and Church

BIBLE VERSE

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

Overall whole school figure—98%

Attendance Percentages this week:

96.49%

Reception–96.19 % Year 1—97.69%

Year 2 - 94.81% Year 3—95.17%,

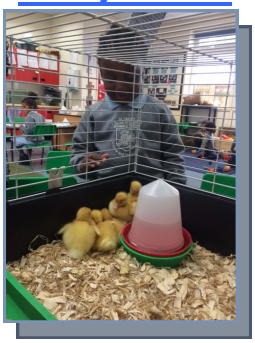
Year 4—98% Year 5—96.3%

Year 6—97.24%

Our attendance across the school was far better this week. However, there are still too many children arriving to school after 8.55am, causing them to be late. Please be in line by 8.55am as the bell goes. Thank you

What's been happening at St Mark's?...

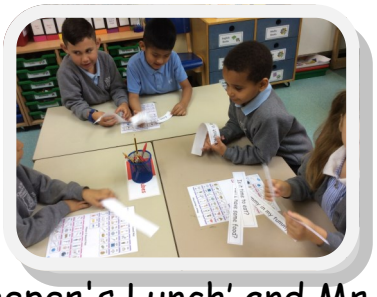
Early Years



Children in the Nursery & Reception are thrilled to have some new friends to play with, our new little ducklings have been settling in nicely and growing very fast. Reception and Year 1 have made sure that they have been well fed and watered.

Reception children have also been producing excellent writing

Year 1



Year 1 enjoyed reading a book called 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and Mr Grinling dropped off a picnic for us to enjoy. We talked about why the sentences ended with question marks and exclamation marks and made a list of all of the things he gave us to say.

Year 5 CHESS TOURNAMENT

A big well done to children in Year 5 who beat Reay Primary School in a recent chess tournament.

A Busy Time for Year 6

Our **Year 6** children have had a busy fortnight!

They have raised over **£500** towards their school journey through a sponsored silence and a food sale. A great effort from the children and their parents. A number of children have also been involved in a transition event at Into University and a group of 20 **Year 5** and **Year 6** took part in a girls' Sports Festival at Kennington Park with a number of other primary and secondary schools.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES STILL AVAILABLE £15.00 each

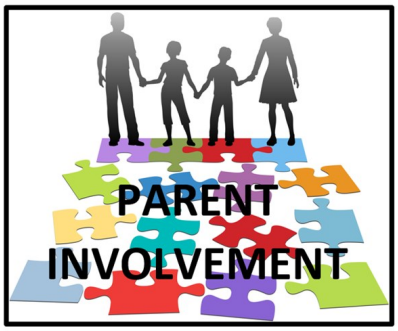
CONGRATULATIONS!! STARS OF THE TERM FOR TERM 5

RECEPTION -	Naliyah Cole, Vickela Addo, Ryan Luli, Kaiqi He
YEAR 1	Nadya Ince, Samuel Amofah, Hamza Kanyi
YEAR 2	Nandi Sithole, Tiago Silva, Aiden Adjei
YEAR 3	Norris Akowuah, Aaron Arma, Maja Haczek, Bruce Borrero
YEAR 4	Jaden-Lee Johnson, Kassia T- Daley, Manuel Fajardo
YEAR 5	J'Neil Aldridge, Patricia Ibanra, Diego Vera
YEAR 6	Amanawit Abdi, Mariette Mosungu, Tomiwa Daniels

Father's Day BreakFast

The Father's Day Celebration was a huge success , with 60 people turning up for the Father's Day Breakfast. Children prepared pictures and cards for their dads and they played games together. The following page highlight the important points that research shows.

The importance of parental engagement



- When parents are involved in a child's education they achieve better outcomes
- Children's reading attainment is significantly improved through parental reading at home
- Fathers play an extremely important role in their children's lives and lots of research indicates that a father's involvement is significant related to positive child outcomes
- Fathers who devote time to their sons are giving them a greater chance to grow up as confident adults.
- Boys who feel that their fathers devote time especially to talk to them about their worries, school work and social lives, almost always emerge as motivated and optimistic men.
- Father involvement in children's education at age 7 predicts higher educational attainment by age 20, in both boys and girls.
- For boys, early father involvement protects against crime and gang involvement in later life.
- The involvement of fathers has an influence on children's positive attitudes to school.
- Children's progress can be hindered by lack of parental involvement
- In Early Years, parental involvement has a significant impact on children's cognitive development and literacy and number skills.
- Parental involvement in a child's schooling for a child between the ages of 7 and 16 is a more powerful force than family background, size of family and level of parental education.

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 7th JULY 2018 @ 1pm-5pm

We need all parents to chip in and help in all ways they can to make the Summer Fair as brilliant as the past two years

Donations can also include the following:

- **Old uniforms and jumpers in good condition–Hand in by Friday 22nd**
- **Old Teddy bears for our Tombola—Hand in by Friday 15th June**
- **Old Toys—Hand in by Friday 22nd June**
- **Jam Jars with small prizes for Tombola—Hand in by Friday 22nd**
- **Old books**

The above must be good quality to sell for our fundraising please!!!

For more info: Please contact the PSA or visit School Office

THANK YOU

GOODBYE SUPERKIDS & THANK YOU!!

Unfortunately, the take-up from parents has not been as strong as we expected and this has effectively made it uneconomical for us to continue to offer this service.

The final day for Superkids will be

THURSDAY 19th July 2018

Thank you, its been such fun!

Mrs Guy & Mr Okuromade

If you will still require after school provision in September, then please contact the following local providers, who collect children from St Mark's School:

Homework Club: 07799 077 148

St Anne's: 0207 735 7049