Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

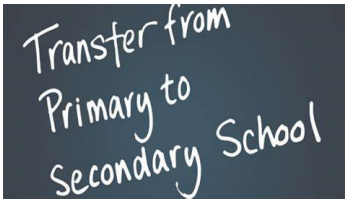
18th October 2022

'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.'

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parents' Evening last week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you were unable to attend the meetings. The Year 2 meetings will be held during the week commencing 7th November 2022. Details to follow

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



If your child is currently in Year 6, you MUST apply for a secondary place for the following September.

The deadline for applications is mid-night on Monday 31 October 2022. Applications are made online.

Click here for Lambeth information on applying for a secondary school

ATTENDANCE NEWS

N - 48.24%

R - 83.45%

1 - 92.69%

2 - 95.49%

3 - 91.22%

4 - 95.37%

5 - 91.15%

6 - 86.09%

Whole school– 86.95%

Attendance and Punctuality

Do you all remember our challenge?

We want to reach our school target of 96% by the end of the term.

There are still too many late arrivals to school before the register closes. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels. Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance.

Thank you. Mrs Natasha

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Growing in Wisdom

BIBLE VERSE

"Walk in Wisdom."

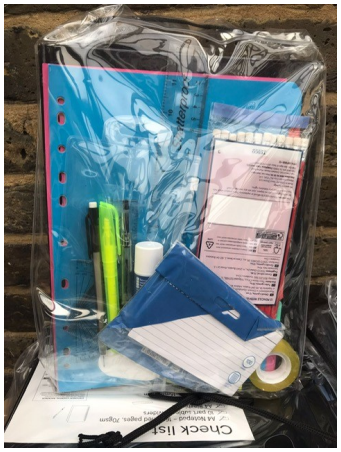
Ephesians 5.15

WhatsApp 16+

A reminder for parents and carers that currently children must be aged 16+ to use WhatsApp. From the NSPCC's website. 'A risk for children and young people using chat apps is being added to group chats where they don't know the other people in the group, which could increase the chance they come across upsetting or negative messages.' Please check your child's phone and delete WhatsApp and speak to your child about keeping safe online. For further information and advice please click on this link here

What's been happening at St Mark's?

A big THANK YOU to Tesco and OLYO for all the stationery packs donated to the Children in St Mark's.



School Trip & Cooking in NURSERY

On **Friday 14th October,** the children in Cedar Class went around the local area on an Autumn Walk. They found lots of Autumnal features in the local environment

RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Well done to children in Sycamore class who finished in 2nd place in a recent Lambeth Tag Rugby competition.

A Special Visit to Sycamore Class

Florence Eshalomi, a British Labour politician serving as the Member of Parliament (MP) representing Vauxhall since 2019, came in on Friday 14th October to meet Year 5 in support of their learning about Parliament and answered some of their questions, she gave them a pep talk about always following their dreams and that if they work hard they can be whatever they want to be in life. This was encouraging to hear for the children, as Florence herself attended a Lambeth primary and secondary school.

What's been happening at St Mark's?

Willow Class spend a week working with Into-University

Last week Year 6 enjoyed an inspirational week working with Into-University, a local charity whose aim is to inspire local children to aspire to go to university when they leave school. Children visited the Maritime Museum, completed work on their Autumn Term topic of 'Freedom' and the week culminated in a graduation ceremony at King's College University. Many thanks to parents who supported by attending the ceremony.

Cultural Dress Day

On Friday 21st October 2022, we invite children to wear clothes from their country of origin or country of their choice or their national colours for our annual cultural dress day.

Events and Notices

[Click here to access the full document]

Cost of living support available now

Lambeth Council and local charities are here to help during the cost-of-living crisis.

For further information visit our website **lambeth.gov.uk/cost-living-crisis-support**

SCAN ME

We can help you with:

- Council tax support and rebates
- Access to benefits and grants
- Make your home energy efficient, reduce your bills
- Access to Foodbanks and low-cost food
- Household Support Scheme - emergency help with food and fuel bills
- Job and business start-up support
- Holiday activities

Household Support

The household support scheme helps Lambeth Residents that are facing hardship, a crisis, emergency, or disaster. This includes struggling to pay bills or afford food.

We can help with vouchers for food or high street shops, fuel payments, handyman services, removals and storage along with physical goods such as refurbished white goods and second-hand furniture.

Post Office payout

Lambeth households who do not pay their council tax via Direct Debit should have received a letter via the post to claim their council tax energy rebate, simply take this letter with a form of ID to any Post Office branch. Households in receipt of Council Tax Support will have received an additional payout.

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POLIO VACCINATION INFORMATION

Parents / Carers of Primary children in Years 1-4 please see the letter here with regards to the **Polio vaccination.**

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

- **FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER**
- **AFTER SCHOOL**
- **£2 PER ITEM**
- **PLEASE BRING CASH**

October Half-Term

BLACK PRINCE TRUST

We are delighted to announce that we will be providing free, fun-filled sessions during October half-term for those aged 8-17.

Activities will be taking place from **Monday 24th October to Thursday 27th October** and will include a range of different sports.

From Monday to Wednesday, we will be offering a multi-sports session from 10am-12pm, with a break for lunch before the afternoon activities.

Basketball will be available on the Monday afternoon, football on Tuesday, and boxing on Wednesday. These sessions will be from 1pm-3pm. On Thursday, we will be hosting a special community day for Black History Month, which will be supported by the Met Police. Full details are to follow, so make sure to keep an eye on our social media channels!

Click here to book event

School Diary Dates Term 2

Thursday 20th October	Ebony Class visiting Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens	
Friday 21st October	Cultural Dress Day	Last day of term
Monday 31st October 2022	Term 2 Begins	8.55am start
Wednesday 2nd November 2022	Action Tutoring starts for willow Class 8.30-9.30am	
w/c 7th November 2022	Year 2 Oak Class Parents' Evening	Slots across the week
Thursday 10th November 2022	Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year 1 Parents	9.00 – 9.45 am in the school hall
Friday 11th November 2022	Remembrance Day	
w/c Monday 14th November 2022	Anti-bullying week	
Wednesday 16th November 2022	Early Years stay and play	
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Coffee morning led by Options for Change and Natasha	9.00 – 10.00 am in the school hall
Tuesday 29th th November 2022	EYFS and KS 1 Music Concert	2.50pm for parents -tbc
Tuesday 6th December 2022	EYFS Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 7th December 2022	YR 5 – 6 Music Concert	
Wednesday 7th December 2022	Parents Coffee morning led by Natasha and Options for change	
Thursday 8th December 2022	YR 3 – 4 Music Concert	
Friday 9th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 donation for save the children
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th December 2022	St Marks singing carols at the Oval station	8.50 – 9.30am
Thursday 15th December 2022	St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2
Thursday 15th December 2022	Whole school Pantomime 2.00pm	
Friday 16th December 2022	Last day of Autumn Term	Half day inset finish at 1.30pm

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for September 2022 or a Nursery or Reception space for September 2023, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school.

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

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St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET