Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

19th July 2021

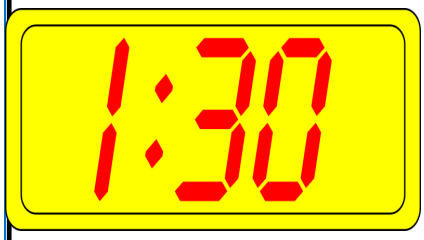
'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

What a hectic year it has been! There have been so many challenges and obstacles to overcome, yet the staff have been committed to providing a high quality education for all pupils and pupils have demonstrated so much commitment towards their education. A very big thank you and well done to you all. Thank you parents for your ongoing support for the school and particularly for supporting the education of your children during lockdown, with their homework and with reading.

Summer Opportunities for families

There are lots of free or low cost events and activities taking place over the summer. Within this newsletter you will find lots of information and contact details. Please do not delay, but try to book as early as possible to secure places. These details can also be found on our school website within the community tab.



Please remember that school will be finishing at 1.30pm on Thursday and children can wear their own closes to school on this final day of term.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING FROM MAPAC

Please place your order by 2nd August 2021 to guarantee your delivery before the start of term

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Term 6 Dates for 2020/21

Date	Event	Details
Monday 19th July 2021	Art tutors from Van Gogh House working with children in Palm Class	All day. Children will produce work to create a new outdoor mural around the theme of trees
Tuesday 20th July	Books to be sent home	Children will need a plastic bag to transport their books home
Tuesday 20th July	Year 6 End of Year Production	Year 6 families only 5.45pm in the school hall. Refreshments served
Wednesday 21st July 2021	School Reports are sent home	
Thursday 22nd July 2021	**Last day of term Non-School Uniform Day**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**
Friday 3rd September 2021	Children return to school	School begins for all pupils at 8.55am

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Living Well together – Healthy body and Healthy

BIBLE VERSE

"Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit."

WELL DONE!

Despite the bubble closures, children across the school have attended school consistently and have continued to be enthusiastic learners during their class lessons.

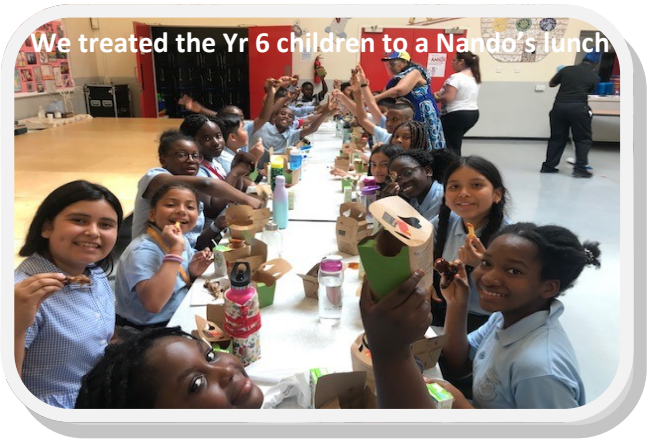
School Events & Activities

Early Years Sports Day

Last week Reception Class had their Sports Day! Dressing up, relay and egg & spoon race. They had lots of fun. Congratulations to Green team!

We will miss our Year 6 children who will be leaving us on Thursday. Well done and best wishes for the future!

The Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mark's Church



We treated the Yr 6 children to a Nando's lunch

The excellent Year 6 Music Concert

A final rehearsal before the Year 6 production

FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we say our goodbyes to Mrs Moses, Miss Hankins, Miss Trott, Miss Buchanan and Miss Hutchins, who will be leaving the school at the end of the term on Friday. We thank them for their contribution across the school and wish them God's blessing on their futures.

Mrs Moses

Ten years ago I arrived at St Mark's ready for the challenges a small primary school has to offer. From the time of my arrival I have been supported by you the parents and for this I am truly grateful. Your children have been a pleasure to work with even when they were challenging. For if there is one thing those who know me well will tell you, is that 'I love challenges'. The word can't is made up of not one but two words, 'can not'. I only hear 'can'.

Having worked first as a class teacher and then as SENCO/Inclusion Manager/DSL I can truly say 'I was challenged'. No two days were the same and I loved it! I leave St Mark's seeking new challenges. I wish the whole school community all the best. I will miss standing at the gates and welcoming you and your children into school each day and saying goodbye. I will miss the little conversations and jokes shared, the smiles and funny little stories told by the children and most of all I will miss the children.

All that is left for me to say is **Goodbye! Adeus! Adiós!**

I feel very lucky to have been a part of the St Mark's family and I have made lots of friends and lovely memories during my time at the school. I couldn't have imagined a better place for someone to complete their NQT year due to the overwhelming support that I have received during what has been a difficult year for many. I have loved seeing my Nursery children grow and learn and I will miss them very much. When I move to Portugal this September, I am looking forward to keeping in touch and hearing about all the exciting things that they get up to next!

Miss Hutchings

Miss Buchanan

I have had the best two years at St Mark's, and have absolutely loved teaching here, and getting to know the amazing community of children, staff and parents. Some of my favourite memories have been amazing trips to the British museum and Museum of London, and our wonderful Christmas carol services. Sadly, much of my time at St Mark's has been during lockdown, but I have been so impressed by how the children and community have come together, and shown real joy and resilience over the past eighteen months. I am leaving St Mark's as I am getting married in August, and moving to York with my husband. I will miss the enthusiasm, excitement and kindness of the St Mark's children, but I hope that I will be back in the near future to visit!

I have worked at St Mark's for 7 years and I have loved every minute of it. I have got to know so many wonderful children and their families, met colleagues and friends for life, and learned so much. I loved all the school events that I got to be a part of, including trips to Brighton Beach, all the brilliant summer fairs, and the school journeys that I was able to go on. Leaving St Mark's will be a hard thing to do, but I do it knowing that St Mark's has provided me with so many wonderful experiences and opportunities that I will be well prepared for my next school. Thank you to all the children, families and staff who have made my time here so wonderful, I wish you all the very best in the future.

Miss Hankins

Miss Trott

St Mark's is a unique and wonderful school full of incredible children. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching many of them over the past six years. Every day I am inspired by their sense of fun and joy, as well as their determination to succeed. Thank you for being so fantastic to teach!

I will miss all of the St Mark's community and would like to thank all of the staff, children and their families who have made my time here so memorable. Although I am sad to say goodbye, I look forward to my next role and am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have been given here. I wish everyone at St Mark's much happiness for the future!

St Mark's Annual Award Ceremony

Well done to the following children who were presented with awards at the Annual Award Ceremony. We are so proud of their achievements. Well done!

Early Years Awards		
Characteristics of Effective Learning	Cedar	Ebony
Being Willing to 'Have a Go'	Lily	Zayn
Being Involved and Concentrating in their learning	Esme	Betty
Trying their Best Everyday	Kingsley	Sammy J
Having their Own Ideas	Kashay	Ezra
Making Links in their Learning	Malachi	Eliakim
Being a Good Friend	Alberta	Sofia, Lillian

Years 1—6 Awards					
Class	Outstanding Learning Behaviour and Citizenship	Outstanding Achievement in Sport	Outstanding Achievement in the Arts	Outstanding Attendance and Punctuality	Outstanding Achievement Across the Curriculum
Juniper	Amy	Joshua	Paapa	Eli	Elena and John
Oak	Eleanor	Mustafa	Benisse	Trojit	Dib and Destiny
Olive	Eliana	Moriah	Derek	Kaiqi	Vickela and Jeremiah
Palm	Miguel	Brian	Andres	Luna	Seraphina
Sycamore	Melissa	Tiago	Shary	Kailin	Kelly and Sergio
Willow	Vivian	Norris	Maja	Kelvin	Ethen and Grace

Thank you to the **School Council** for reading out the descriptions of the awards and to Josiah for reading scriptures of encouragement and the prayer .

Year 2—Melodee and Trojit

Year 3—Derek and Vickela

Year 4— Eni and Andres

Year 5—Josiah

Year 6— Grace and Tomiwa

School Activities, Learning & Events

Year 4 Music Performance

Future Architects!

Well done!

Year 3 harvesting vegetables

Year 3 Music Performance

Year 4's visit to St Mark's Church

Nursery children visiting Mr Ingram

Year 4 went to St Mark's Church to learn about liturgy

Parental resources

Your Year 5 child should have received a brief guide to starting secondary school in Lambeth and a presentation was sent two weeks ago. Please keep these booklets safe, as they cannot be replaced

The deadline for secondary applications is Sunday 31 October 2021.

Please apply on time to secure a place for your child.

Online Safety—Parental resources

Please see below a range of parental resources regarding Online Safety

Ineqe – offers general advice and guidance around online safeguarding: https://ineqe.com/

- Parent Zone – full of lots of resources and tips for positive digital parenting: https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/
- Common sense media – guides on safety of specific apps/games/films etc https://www.commonsensemedia.org/about-us/our-mission
- Resources specific to radicalisation - https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/radicalisation/
- If you are worried your child might be being radicalised/caught up in an extreme group – they can get advice through this website - https://actearly.uk/

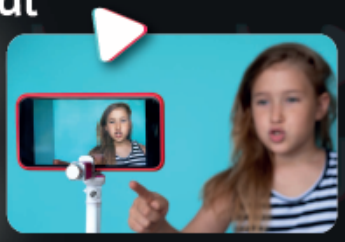
For a full guide on parental advice on Tiktok, please see the next page of the newsletter

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 800 million active users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION 12+ If under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About TIKTOK



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – so it *is* possible for a child to be exposed to explicit and age-inappropriate content.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and want to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok *has* experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep you intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP PURCHASES

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. Buying coins is now restricted to over-18s – but TikTok doesn't require users to verify their age on sign up, so a young person could easily access this feature if they were determined to.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

In early 2021, TikTok changed the default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something *does* slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY SAFETY MODE

'Family Safety Mode' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. Tiktok refreshed its Safety Centre in May 2021, providing new resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet our expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

SOURCES: www.tiktok.com

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Notices

Year 6 School Journey to CYE—September 2021

Christian Youth Enterprises

Transforming lives through outdoor activities in Chichester harbour since 1985

Deposit—£25

Deadline for full payment of £40 via ParentPay by the 3rd September 2021

Dear student,

We would like to remind you of the availability of www.Kooth.com, throughout the summer holidays. Kooth is an online service designed to support your wellbeing. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support, for young people across Lambeth aged 10-26th Birthday.

Kooth offers you the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. You can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed too.

Outside counselling hours, you can also message the team and get support by the next day. There is also a huge range of articles, forums, and discussion boards to support you with your wellbeing available on the website.

Whilst you may choose not to use the service, as part of supporting our students, we are ensuring you are aware of provision for when the school is closed over the summer holidays.
You could also see this video: https://vimeo.com/318731977

Eleanor Cammegh

Kooth Engagement Lead

Community Summer Activities

Entry criteria

Want to apply? Here's what we need from you...

Please send an email to **applications@vauxhallone.co.uk** by Sunday 18 July with the following information:

- Your full name
- The best email and phone numbers to contact you on
- A brief description of yourself, your connection to Vauxhall and your talent
- A video of you performing – this could be a link, or an attached clip.
- Confirmation that you're available to perform on Saturday 21 August

We're looking forward to seeing what Vauxhall has got.

Apply by Sunday 18 July

https://beinvauxhall.com/vauxhall-variety-apply/

PERFORM AT VAUXHALL VARIETY

Musicians, dancers, vaudevilles and people of miscellaneous talent: Vauxhall is putting on a show, and we want you to perform in it! Taking part in the Pleasure Gardens on Saturday 21 August, we're welcoming applications from all.

Inspired by the fabulous story of Richborne Terrace's lockdown street concerts (which you can watch on YouTube), we present an afternoon of performances by the talented people of Vauxhall.

To apply, simply read the entry criteria below, then send your application by Sunday 18 July to **applications@vauxhallone.co.uk**

Free summer holiday scheme for children at Vauxhall City Farm

Our Literary Summer of Fun will run on weekdays from **10:30am to 2pm,** from the **26th July 2021** to the **6th August 2021.**The club is **FREE** and is primarily open to residents of Lambeth and for those on free school meals. However, this isn't essential but rather preferable. For more details contact: https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/summer-club/ or 07943 191 273

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SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

Join us for two weeks of non-stop fun, games, trips, music, art, dance, sports, friendship and laughter

26th July – 6th August 2021
8:30am – 5:30pm

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bkudjo@l-e-s.org
Ofsted EY445359

All Nations Centre
Tyers Terrace
SE11 5LY

£25 per day or
5 days for £100
Sibling discount available

As well as a high quality childcare service, we stimulate and enhance children through play. The children at playscheme develop their social skills, friendships and talents.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BRIXTON RECREATION

Holiday Playscheme (5-12 years)

Monday – Friday 9am–5pm

A fun packed, multi activity holiday camp! First and foremost a childcare solution for parents during the holidays. Brixton's playscheme offers high quality care with an emphasis on FUN. We aim to do more than just keep the children occupied with a wide range of activities that offer something for everyone! Children will also have the option of swimming if they are competent swimmers. Children should wear comfortable clothes and trainers to maximise interaction. Please ensure that your children have a packed lunch full of healthy foods (no nuts, sugary sweets or fizzy drinks), as we have no café facilities, and ensure they have plenty water.

Due to the play scheme's Ofsted registration, we can only accept children from the 1st September following their 5th birthday (school year 1 onwards).

Cost per day
Standard £19.45
Concessionary £15.35

Cost per week
Standard £102
Concessionary £81.00

Early drop off and late pick up collection (8.00–9.00am / 5.00–6.00pm) available for an additional £2.00).

If you would like your child to also attend our Swim School our staff can take them and collect them from their lessons.

Lessons and Courses

Crash Courses are great for children who are either new to swimming/ gymnastics or for those wanting to improve on their existing water/ tumbling skills

Swimming

Cost:
Standard £29.50;
Concessionary £21.50

Monday – Friday 9am-9:30am & 9:30am – 10am

Foundation levels Red, Amber, Green - 4 years and above.

Week 1: 26th – 30th July.
Week 2: 9th – 13th August.

Gymnastics;

Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm
Week 1: 2nd – 6th August.
Week 2: 9th – 13th August.

Cost:
To be confirmed.

Fitness Zone (8-15 years)

Monday – Friday 10am-2pm.

Our Community Gym or Level 6 Gym will be open specifically for those with Junior Memebrships. Fitness sessions will also run.

Please speak to our team for more information.

Pool Inflatable Session

Monday and Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Our pool inflatable course is set up in the main pool during the holiday periods. This is suitable for children who can swim 25 metres unaided and are 8 years and above.

Swim for all
Lagoon pool 10am – 3:50pm
Teaching pool 11am – 3.50pm

Cost: Included in swim.

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Brixton Recreation Centre, 27 Station Road, London, SW9 8QQ.
All activities can be booked on our website or in centre.

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Holiday activities

Lambeth

Summer of Food and Fun 2021

Our holiday programme for children and young people is packed with exciting activities to suit all ages and interests, with a side serve of healthy eating. Dive in and pick your fun!

Click here for full information

Holiday activities

Adventure playgrounds

Our adventure playgrounds are free to use, supervised by playworkers and provide access to great facilities and equipment for kids of all ages

Better Start children's centres 0 to 4 years

Lambeth's network of children's centres offer a wide range of activities, help and support for young children and their families throughout the summer

Courses and summer schools

Learn disciplines such as DJing or singing, get to grips with video production, or finesse your design and upcycling skills

Creative arts and music

Pick up a microphone, a spray can, a plant pot, jump onto a computer, grab an instrument or tread those boards – there's something for every creative young person

Libraries

Lambeth libraries offer a summer of events and activities including reading challenges and volunteering opportunities

Parks and places to go

Children and young people can make the most of our green spaces, taking part in a variety of exciting indoor and outdoor activities

Playschemes

Full-day holiday programmes for working parents, such as forest schools where young people can learn about nature and multi-activity camps for making friends and having fun

SEND holiday activities

We offer a range of activities and events that are tailored specifically for children and young people who have disability or special educational needs

Stay and Play One O'clock Clubs | 0 to 4 years

Sessions for your child to enjoy while you are there supporting their development. Activities develop communication skills, address social and emotional and support physical development.

Summer Events & Activities

Activities for children and young people
26 July to 27 August 2021
lambeth.gov.uk/summer

Lambeth

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this summer Lambeth Council will be hosting Lambeth's Summer of Food & Fun.

We are working with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme is designed to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the summer holidays. Each programme will provide:

- free, healthy and tasty food
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other activities to suit different ages and interests
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

To find out more scan the QR or visit the web address below.

Please note that Lambeth Council will also be running holiday clubs during the Christmas school holidays. Please visit the council website nearer the time to find out more.

I hope your family is able to take full advantage of the summer programme.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Edward Davie
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

lambeth.gov.uk/summer

Summer Events & Activities

BLACK PRINCE TRUST

FREE Summer Activities @The Black Prince Community Hub

Wondering how to entertain the kids this summer?

The Black Prince Trust have you covered!

Together with our fabulous delivery partners, we are offering FREE activities for children aged 8-17 throughout the Summer including a healthy free hot lunch each day.

You can book morning and afternoon activities safe in the knowledge your child will be looked after and fed between sessions if they want to take part in both.

Starting the 26th of July, don't miss out BOOK NOW!

Click here to book