Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's News
1st July 2016

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

Important Events

As we approach the end of term, we want to draw your attention to a number of events taking place

Monday 4th July—Year 6 involved in Cycle Confidence all week

Tuesday 5th July– Year 5 watching an Opera at Archbishop Tenison's

Wednesday 6th July—Showcase of animation work by families of Mark's . 9.10am in the school hall. All are welcome

Saturday 9th July 1-4pm—School Summer Fair. Please arrive early to help us set up

Sunday 10th July—Year 6 Leaver's assembly at St Mark's Church at 10.00am. All are welcome

Tuesday 12th July—Parents' Evening. A slightly different arrangement to usual. Come to collect reports, look at your children's work and classrooms, and see clubs perform. This will take place from 3.40pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 13th July—Sport's Day at Kennington Park 9.30am-12.00pm

Friday 15th July—Year 6 End of Year Production–The Lion King, 6.00pm sharp in the school hall. All are welcome. £1 entry

Monday 18th July—Health, Fitness and Well-Being week—this will include SRE and Drug Education where appropriate

Tuesday 19th— Awards Ceremony 9.30am in the school hall. All are welcome

Thursday 21st July—Year 6 End of Term Ball 6-8pm in the school hall

Friday 22nd July—Final Day of Term 1.30pm finish

Friends of St Mark's

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please can you?

- **Bring in unwanted soft toys**
- **Bring in a bottle of soft drink**
- **Bring in a jars full of treats**
- **Provide food to sell on the day**
- **Donate any good quality raffle prizes**

PLEASE COME ALONG TO A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY at 9.00am TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE OUR SUMMER FAIR A FANTASTIC EVENT

What has been happening during the past few weeks at St Mark's?

It has been great to see the love that the children in Reception have for the natural world this term during their topic on lifecycles. They have grown beans and raised caterpillars. They were fascinated when they turned into butterflies. They quickly researched what butterflies eat before they find food for them.

Year 1 were busy out and about in the local area this week. They visited the post office as part of their work on enterprise

On Thursday we took a Year 3/4, a Year 5/6 and a girls football team to play against teams from St Stephen's Primary

Year 5 children busily making candles in preparation to sell during the Summer Fair.

Year 5 visit Walhampton Independent School from Friday 24th June to Saturday 25th June

"Our visit to Walhampton was an extraordinary trip. We attended their School Summer fair which was fantastic. Afterwards, we set up tents for the first time (which Mr Ingram wasn't able to do). For our delicious dinner, our main course was hot dogs and pizza with a dressing of salad. The next day (at 5:00 am in the morning) everyone woke up except for one tent. At 7:00am we went to have breakfast with the other borders from the School. It was delightful! At the end, we decided to play a football match, Mr Ingram's team beat Reverend Steven's team 5-4. Due to the fact we were well behaved, Mr Ingram decided to take us to the fish bar. We are very grateful to all of the adults who made this possible". Written by the newsletter editor in Year 5– Rebecca, Genesis and Mardiya

PEGASUS SUMMER SCHEME 2016

MAKE SOME MUSIC!

25th-29th July (10am-4pm)
@ Archbishop Tenison's School

55 Kennington Oval, SE11 5SR *in the music room and drama studio*

Do you like SINGING, ACTING and SONG-WRITING?
Then Pegasus Music Club is for you!!

We will be working like a professional company to create and produce a performance to show your friends and family at the end of each day. You can choose which days to come or you could come for the entire week.

Why come to Pegasus Summer Scheme?

1. **It is run by professional musicians, composers and theatre directors**
2. **You will compose and perform your own music and lyrics**
3. **You will have an incredible experience that will also contribute towards further education and UCAS applications**

Age 10+

***Bring a packed lunch!**

£10 for every full day
£5 concessions

If you are interested in coming along to Pegasus Summer Scheme please email us on admin@pegopera.org and tell us which days you would like to come on so we can book your place!!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our Attendance is currently 94.6%. Please continue to raise our standards in this area as we approach the end of term. Our school target is 96% and above.

Remember, excellent attendance equals success for pupils to achieve their full academic potential.

Please can I also encourage earlier starts to parents and children to avoid the congestion in the area.

New Parking lines

We are in full support of the reprinted lines that appear just outside our school, as they help to keep our children safe. Please do take care, as this week parking attendants have been patrolling the area outside the school ready to give out tickets.

<u>We are many parts but ONE body— 1 Corinthians Chapter 12</u>

A big thank you to our Reception Class children who led a fantastic collective worship assembly. They reminded us that we are all different with different roles but at St Mark's we are one body. They said that if one part of the body is hurt it affects the whole body. Please pray for children within our school who are recovering from operations and families facing challenges and difficulties.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Big Dance Week

FREE (All Ages)

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN

Saturday 2nd July

Afternoon – time tbc

Nearest station/tube: Charing Cross

Choreographer Akram Khan opens the final Big Dance Week with a unique afternoon of dance performance in the iconic setting of Trafalgar Square. 1,000 Londoners - dance groups and individuals - will perform a spectacular and moving dance with epic music by Nitin Sawhney especially composed for the occasion.

Big Dance Bus in Southwark

FREE (All ages)

Goose Green, East Dulwich, SE15

Saturday 2nd July

Midday til 5pm

Nearest station: East Dulwich (2 minutes)

Emerging and experienced choreographers will present a day of performances and workshops exploring different dance styles. Family friendly.

Dragon Parade

FREE (All ages)

Riverside Terrace, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX, 0207 960 4200

www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Saturday 2nd July

Midday – 5pm

Nearest station/tube: Waterloo

Join a dragon parade after making your own dragon in Festive Road's drop-in workshop. Inspired by the dragon Fafner in Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, Festive Road invites you to take part in a parade led by their giant dragon. Bottom of Form

Greenwich and Docklands International Festival

FREE (All Ages)

Old Royal Naval College, Cutty Sark Gardens & Greenwich Park, Greenwich, SE10

Saturday 2nd July ,

Midday until late

Nearest Tube: Greenwich (DLR)

Outdoor theatre, dance, fireworks and parades to celebrate the closing day of this year's Festival.

See website for more details: www.festival.org