Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

20th May 2019

'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 and Governors,

YEAR 6 SATs

After a whole year of dedication and learning Year 6 have had their SATs last week with an excellent 100% attendance. We must thank Miss Trott for all the help and support to Year 6 during the year. For their great effort, year 6 have enjoyed their lunch today at Nando's. Well done Year 6!

Safeguarding banner competion

Congratulations to Djelika Doumbia. She was the winner for the Lambeth Safeguarding Banner Competition for all important information that she included in it. We are sure she was very pleased with the prize: a scooter!

Value of the Week

Dignity and Respect

BIBLE VERSE

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God ."

Romans 15.7

Attendance and Punctuality

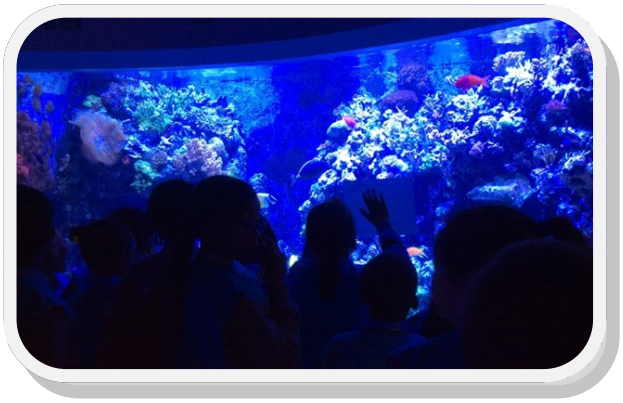
Nursery— 84.84%
Reception— 87%
Year 1— 88.46%
Year 2— 96.8%
Year 3— 95.33%
Year 4— 96%
Year 5— 91.11%
Year 6— 100%

WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:
Years 2, 4 & 6
Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

What has been happening at St Mark's

Year 4 went to the Horniman in Forest Hill to learn about animals and find out how to classify them. They did an animal hunt and observed 10 animals and their habitas. They also visited the aquarium and observed lots of different sea life from different parts of the world.



Year 2 Assembly

A wonderful year 2 assembly where we learnt about everyone's uniqueness and why we should respect and value each other.

What has been happening at St Mark's

YEAR 1

The National Literacy Trust organised for year 1 to visit the TES newsroom in Holborn. On Friday we completed our 'Dream Big' day, where the children were able to role play and experience 6 different jobs, including a doctor's surgery and scientist. Thank you for all the parents who came to the certificate presentation.

YEAR 3

As part of their Science topic on plants, year 3 went to the Edible Playground to identify and smell the different herbs and salad greens. Back in classroom they labelled pictures of the edibles and shared the experience.

YEAR 5 & 6

A group of children from years 5 and 6 went to the Cricket Tournament at the Oval. We got third position. Well done!

Do not forget to write it on your diaries.

The next PSA meeting is <u>Friday 24th May at 9.00am</u> in the art Room

Still some sessions to join in to discover and enjoy our edible playground.

Important school dates

Tuesday 21st May 2019	**Workshop for YR4 CLC**	9.30 – 2.45pm
Friday 24th May 2019	**End of Term 5**	
Monday 3rd June 2019	**Term 6 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Mini Athletics	
Wednesday 12th June 2019	G & T Sports Day Years 5 and 6	Tooting Bec Track
Friday 14th June 2019	Year 5 Boys' visit to Dulwich College	
Friday 14th June 2019	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Tuesday 18th June 2019	Class Photos	
Friday 21st June 2019	Sports Day	
Sunday 23rd June 2019	YR6 trip to Kingswood(Isle of Wight)	
Monday 24th June 2019	Vision screening reception	9.30 - 12
Monday 24th June 2019	Visits to Durning Library	
Wednesday 26th June 2019	Maths Master Class	
Thursday 27th June 2019	Year 1 and 2 Transition Picnic	
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1-4pm tbc
Monday 1st July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Monday 1st July 2019	YR 6 Bikeability	All week
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	Reception setting visits	
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	YR 3 being photographed for Tate Gallery project	
Friday 5th July 2019	Early Years Sports Day	
Monday 8th July 2019	Nursery & Reception – Welcome Morning (Stay & Play)	
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Church Service at St Mark's	
Wedneday 10th July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Friday 12th July 2019	Award Ceremony	
Friday 12th July 2019	Early years party	1.10pm
FRIDAY 12TH July 2019	YR6 Enod of year production and dinner	6-8pm
Friday 12th July 2019	Early Years & Reception Graduation	2.30pm
Sunday 14th July 2019	**Leaver's service at St Mark's Church**	**10 am**
w/c Monday 15th – 19th July 2019	Science, Health and Fitness Week	
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Showcase Evening & Reports	3.30-4.45pm
Friday 19th July 2019	**Last day of term**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**

Next week 27th to 31st May is half term

PE Kit and School Uniform

Remember that children need a full PE kit for PE (white t-shirt, plain blue or black tracksuit bottoms or blue shorts + trainers.) Also remember that children need to wear school shoes and not black trainers for school at all other times.

Playground Supervision

Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to be supervised by an adult during the mornings before the start of the school day

Mobile Phones & Devices

If any children have phones, please can parents monitor their use, as there have been instances of late night usage and inappropriate messaging

Parking outside the school

Please do not park on the zig-zag lines or the yellow lines outside the school. These lines are there to help our children cross the road safely and parking there puts them at risk.
A traffic warden informed me that he will allow parents to park in the parking bays for a short period before and after school but he would begin to issue parking tickets to vehicles on the yellow lines as it creates traffic congestion. Please also note that the car park is not available for parent parking. Thank you, Mr Ingram.

Friday 24th May
Non-Uniform Day.
£1 contribution to School Fund

HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 (draft)

Autumn Term 2019

Start:	**Tuesday 3rd September (pupils return)**
	INSET DAY – Friday 30th August 2019 / Monday 2nd September 2019
Finish:	**Friday 18th October**
Half Term:	**Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October**
Start:	**Monday 28th October**
Finish:	**Friday 20th December**
Christmas Holiday:	**Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020**

Spring Term 2020

Start:	**Tuesday 7th January 2020 (pupils return)**
	INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2020
Finish:	**Friday 14th February**
Half Term:	**Monday 17th February – Friday 21 February**
Start:	**Monday 24th February**
Finish:	**Friday 3rd April**
Easter Break:	**Monday 6th April 2020 – Monday 17th April 2020**

Summer Term 2020

Start:	**Monday 20th April**
	Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday school closed)
Finish:	**Friday 22nd May**
Half Term:	**Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May**
Start:	**Monday 1st June**
Finish:	**Friday 17th July**

BANK HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

Wednesday 25 December 2019 (Christmas Day)

Thursday 26 December 2019 (Boxing Day)

Wednesday 1 January 2020 (New Year's Day)

Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)

Monday 13 April 2020 (Easter Monday)

Monday 4 May 2020 (May Day)

Monday 25 May 2020 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Monday 31 August 2020 (Summer Bank Holiday)

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO 5 INSET DAYS YET TO BE CONFIRMED