Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

21st December 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.'

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We come to the end of a very busy term, which has seen so many high points and things to celebrate. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas and may we all give ourselves time to reflect upon the wonder and significance of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Don't forget that school begins on

Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.55 a.m.

Value of the Week

JOY & HUMILITY

BIBLE VERSE

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Isaiah 9:6

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 82.67%

Reception— 76.47%

Year 1—94.78%

Year 2— 92.00%

Year 3— 86.55%

Year 4— 96.55%

Year 5— 87.12%

Year 6— 86.67%

WELL DONE!

To the following class who achieved over 96.%:

Year 4

Lets all work together as a team to get the overall school attendance above 96.5%

St. Mark's Talent Show

It has been a privilege during the past two week to see the amazing talents of the children at St Mark's Primary School.

St. Mark's talented recorded group had the honour of showing off their remarkable skills at Oval Underground tube station to raise money for charity. The public were extremely generous and our children were able to raise over £200.00.

On Wednesday, 19th December, children in Years 1 and 2 put on a fantastic Nativity performance to many of you.

On Thursday, 20th December, over 80 Key Stage 2 children performed with such grace and poise during their Christmas Carol Concert, to a full house at St Mark's Church. Well done children for all of your hard work, effort and achievement and thank you parents and carers for your support for these special events.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Mrs Kelly Norridge—our music leader— who has guided the children in preparations for these performances. We hope many new singers would have been inspired during this period to consider joining the school choir, who will commence practising after school on Fridays.

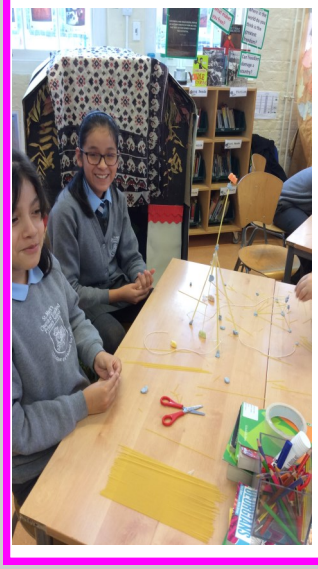
What's been happening at St Marks?...

Pantomime

To celebrate the festive season, the children were entertained by a group of colourful and interesting Pantomime on 19th December. The children had so much fun.

Years 5 & 6 attend Chess Tournament

Children preparing for the Big Chess Tournament. Well done to the team and Josiah who won a medal!



Victorian Day

From our history lessons on people and children during the Victorian Era, children in Years 5 and 6 had so much fun dressing up as Victorians.

Visit to CLC for 'Fake News' workshop

Children in Year 6 went to CLC Lambeth to learn all about 'Fake News'.

Stars of the Term

At the end of each term, teachers select 3 children who have demonstrated excellent **Achievement** in learning, excellent **Effort** in their commitment to their work and excellent **Collaboration** in the way they have worked with others. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities daily but the children below have been identified as demonstrating these qualities for Term 2:

	Achievement	**Effort**	**Collaboration**
Reception	Mustapha	Nyah	Bernice
Year 1	Eliana	Triomphe	Anthony
Year 2	Freya	Godfled	Eni
Year 3	Naomi	Josiah	Ana
Year 4	Amirah	Grace	Kelvin
Year 5	Mesha	Sebastian	Rebeca
Year 6	Ainhoa	Angelica	Jacob

100% Attendance Award Winners (Term 2)

Congratulations to:

Melodee and Nicolas in **Reception**;
Vikayla, Gerard, Kaiqi, Jeremiah, Derek, Anthony, Jerome, Mara and Eliana in **Year 1;**
Emmanuel E, Judith, Samuel, Freya, Holly, Ellie-May, Emmanuel J and Kailin in **Year 2;**
Ore, Ronnell, Bradley and Shyanne in **Year 3;**
Kezia, Aaron, Djelika, Kadeem, Taj, Maja, Brian, Ethan, Tomiwa, Kelvin, Grace, Esteban, Blair, Faith, Ayman and Neriah in **Year 4;**
Ruby, Tolu, Bethel, Ziva, Anna, Gahie nd Tsion in **Year 5;**
Jasmine, Juanita, Ainhoa, Ifedayo, Angelica, Elisa, Patricia, Ayham and Manuel in **Year 6**

Parents Workshop: 0 to 5's and Screen Use

In the New Year, we will be looking to organise a parent's workshop to talk about 'Screen Use amongst 0 to 5 year olds. Parents and professionals have been concerned about the damage watching screens can do to children since television was invented. 2011 was the first year children's TV viewing decreased, but only because computers, games consoles, ipads and phones have replaced TV. For children aged 0-8 years, 33% of all screen time is on a mobile device.

The session will:

1. Look at the risks, particularly for under 5's;
2. Look at what you should be looking for in your child, and
3. Aim to get you the benefits and not the downsides.

It will also provide an opportunity to ask about the impact of screens on under 5's.

Trefor Lloyd has run workshops at St. Mark's before and works in a number of schools, mainly with 3-5 year-olds and their families. He has looked at the research into screen use especially amongst 0-5's. He won't tell you off, but will highlight those areas that might be important for you to know.

Term Dates for 2019

Date	Event	Details
Monday 7th January 2019	**Inset Day for Staff**	
Tuesday 8th January 2019	**Term 3 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Tuesday 8th January 2019	Maths and Art Week	
Friday 18th January 2019	Years 2 & 5 Fire Brigade Education	
Monday 28th January 2019	Years 5 and 6 trip to Houses of Parliament	All Day
Wednesday 30th January 2019	Multi- Sports Festival for Year 1	St Martins in the Field 9.30-3.00pm
Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Feb 2019	Parents' Evening	
Friday 15th February 2019	St Mark's Day	
Friday 15th February 2019	Valentine's Event	
Friday 15th February 2019	**Last Day of Term 3**	
Monday 25th February 2019	**Term 4 - Children return to school**	
Wednesday 27th February 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
w/c Monday 4th March 2019	Reading and Writing Week	All week
Wednesday 6th March 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day	
w/c Monday 18th - 22nd March 2019	Lambeth Music Festival	TBC
Thursday 21st March 2019	School Council visit to Houses of	
Friday 29th March 2019	Mother's Day Breakfast	
Monday 1st April 2019	RE Week	
Wednesday 3rd April 2019	Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament	9.30-1.30 at Elm Green school
Friday 5th April 2019	**End of Term 4**	
Tuesday 23rd April	**Term 5 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**	
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 3 and 4 Mini Tag Rugby 9.30-1.00pm	Kennington Park
Monday 13th May 2019	SATS Week	
Tuesday 23rd April	**Term 5 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**	
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 3 and 4 Mini Tag Rugby 9.30-1.00pm	Kennington Park
Monday 13th May 2019	SATS Week	
Friday 24th May 2019	**End of Term 5**	