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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

21st June 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,

An Outstanding Curriculum

There are only 4 weeks left of the academic year but staff across the school continue to work non-stop in order to provide an outstanding curriculum for the children at St Mark's. During the past two weeks, five classes across the school have participated in Art related trips to the Tate Britain Gallery, as part of our whole school Art Project. Also, children in Early Years visited Vauxhall City Farm as part of their Farm Topic. They have also been raising chicks in their classroom.

Parental Support

Thank you for your continued support across the school. It was wonderful to see over one hundred people present at last week's Father's Day Breakfast and parents across the school continue to support us with trips and in preparation for next week's Summer Fair. Please speak to a member of the PSA to find out how you can help in the Summer Fair. We need you! Can I also thank you for your generous gift to the Coulson Family of £175.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please continue to support the school and your child's education by making sure that children are present at school every day. Some children are falling behind in class simply because they have missed too much school this year. Others are at risk of falling below the 90% attendance threshold and having to face consequences from Lambeth Council admissions team.

Father's Day Breakfast

We had a fantastic Father's Day breakfast last week. A big thank to all of the dads who came to support and participate in activities. This will certainly be an annual feature in our school calendar.

Value of the Week

Community and living well together

BIBLE VERSE

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4.32

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 96%

Reception— 99%

Year 1— 100%

Year 2— 98.4%

Year 3— 95.33%

Year 4— 97.33%

Year 5— 97.14%

Year 6— 98.67%

WOW and WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6

Excellent attendance for all classes across the school

What has been happening at St Mark's

Girls' Sport

On Wednesday 12th June, 10 girls from Years 5 and 6 participated in a girls only Kwik Cricket Tournament. The girls showed great perseverance and excellent collaboration. They all learnt a lot from the experience and enjoyed the event. Year 5 and 6 girls will be out again on Thursday 4th July, when they will take part in a Girls Street Festival for the day. They will be completing against other Lambeth primary and secondary schools

Well done to the 20 children who took part in the annual chess tournament held here at St Mark's Primary School on Tuesday. St Mark's finished 3rd.

Nursery and Reception Class

The children in Nursery and Reception have been thrilled by their new "peers".
On Tuesday, they visited the local farm in Vauxhall. Children were very excited to see and learn about llamas, turkeys, chickens, goats and also had the opportunity to feed some of them. They made the most of the good weather and had lunch in the park. They all had an enjoyable experience!

Year 6 Transition

Through Term 6, Year 6 have been involved in transition work to help to prepare them for secondary school. They have participated in workshops, received a visit from a local headteacher and researched details about their schools. Last week two former St Mark's students came in to speak to the Year 6 children. Great questions were asked and great answers were given.

What has been happening at St Mark's

St Mark's School Council

Are you committed and a good role model?

Do you want to make a difference in the school?

Then, apply to be part of the School Council this September.

Bike/Scooter's decoration competition

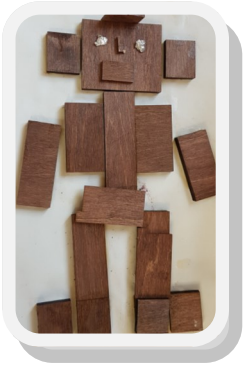
Congratulations to Ziva in Year 5, who won the 'Bling my Bike and Scooter' competition last week.

After School Clubs

Last day of Clubs Friday 12th of July

The children have been enjoying Cookery Club over the past few weeks and have been making some amazing dishes. The best part is the feedback from parents who say that the children have been trying the recipes at home!

Capoeira Club



At Art Club, the children have been working on several projects during the term: painting, wood, clay and modelling - such great artists!

Taekwondo Club

Tennis Club

Sports Day 2019

The children enjoyed another fantastic Sports day at Kennington Park on Friday 21st June. We had great weather and excellent support from families and friends. We will find out the results next week on Thursday.

Future Events & Notices

ST MARK'S
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Harleyford Road, Kennington Oval, SE11 5SL

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SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 29th June 2019

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Come along and join the fun

- Fire breathing acrobat and musician - Emmanuel the Magnificent
- Zumba Session
- Capoeira Demonstration
- Masseuse
- Fire Engine
- Sports Leaders Leading Activities
- Bouncy Castle

Come along and join the fun

- BBQ food
- Food from around the world
- Henna Hands
- Face Painting
- Stalls and Games
- Ice Cream and Cold Drinks
- Community Partners

Join us to celebrate the official opening of the Edible Playground on Thursday 27th of June. At 3.15pm

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CELEBRATE OUR EDIBLE PLAYGROUND WITH US

AS THE 100TH EDIBLE PLAYGROUND PROJECT DELIVERED BY TREES FOR CITIES, WE ARE THROWING A CELEBRATORY AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES

JOIN US AT 15:15 ON THURSDAY JUNE 27TH TO TOUR THE EDIBLE PLAYGROUND AND ASK THE TREES FOR CITIES TEAM ANY QUESTIONS

THERE WILL BE A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO BEING FILMED ON THE DAY, SO SEEK OUT THE CAMERAMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE

Edible Playgrounds
by Trees for Cities

Summer Fair Help!

We still need:

- More food donations
- More jam jars
- Help to set up and help on the day
- Unwanted toys & teddies

Level 1 & 2 Cycle training

For Year 6

From 1st July to 5th July

(Please return consent letters asap)

Term 6 Key Dates for June – July 2019

Sunday 23rd June 2019	YR6 trip to Kingswood (Isle of Wight)	
Monday 24th June 2019	Vision screening reception	9.30 - 12 pm
Monday 24th June 2019	After school provision at the Oval YR4/5	3.30 – 6pm
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	Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens
Thursday 27th June 2019	Grand opening for our Edible Playground	Parents, come along from 3.00pm to enjoy the occasion
Friday 28th June 2019	Bike riding skills YR5	1.10 – 2.20pm
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1- 4.30pm
Monday 1st July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Monday 1st July 2019	YR 6 Bikeability	All week
Monday 1st July 2019	After school provision at the Oval YR 4/5	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	Reception setting visits	
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	YR 3 being photographed for Tate Gallery project	12.00 pm —3.00 pm Full school uniform is required
Wednesday 3rd July 2019	Nursery & Reception Welcome Morning (Stay & Play Session)	9.00 am — 10.00 am
Friday 5th July 2019	YR5 Bike riding skills	1.10 – 2.20 pm
Friday 5th July 2019	Early Years Sports Day	
Monday 8th July 2019	After school provision at the Oval YR 4/5	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Church Service at St Mark's	9.20 am
Wednesday 10th July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Wednesday 10th July 2019	Mini Athletics YR 1 & 2	9.30 – 12.30 Kennington park
Friday 12th July 2019	Award Ceremony	
Friday 12th July 2019	Early years party	1.10pm
FRIDAY 12TH July 2019	YR6 End of year production and dinner	6-8pm
Friday 12th July 2019	YR5 Bike riding skills	1.10 – 2.20pm
Friday 12th July 2019	Early Years & Reception Graduation	2.30pm
Friday 12th July 2019	Last day for After School Clubs	
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	
Monday 15th July 2019	YR4 at a Ballet performance at the Oval	1.45 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Showcase Evening & Reports	3.30 - 4.45pm
Friday 19th July 2019	Last day of term	School finishes at 1.30pm