Unique and
Valued by God

The St Mark's News

21st October 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.'

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a fantastic term at St Mark's which has seen us really hit the ground running. The school looks fantastic, we have welcomed a number of new children and families into our school and visitors highly compliment the calmness, behaviour and Christian distinctiveness of the school. We look forward to introducing more children into our Reception Class so the school is full to capacity.

Message to Year 6 Parents

This is to remind you that the deadline for applying for your secondary schools is October 31st. Please apply online and don't miss the deadline!

KEY DATES

21st Oct	International Eve
21st Oct	Last Day of Term
31st Oct	Inspiring Writing week
1st Nov	London Fire Brigade visit for Years 2 and 5
2nd Nov	Digital Stories celebration
9th Nov	School Stomp Assembly
9th Nov	TAG Rugby for selected Yr 5 and 6 at Kennington Park
11th Nov	Shoe Box Appeal ends
14th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
18th Nov	Posting Shoe Boxes
18th Nov	School Story Assembly
23rd Nov	School INSET DAY
9th Dec	Reception Nativity
14th Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity
15th Dec	Key Stage 2 Carol Service
16th Dec	Christmas Market
20th Dec	Class Christmas Parties
21st Dec	Last Day of Term 1:30pm Finish
3rd Jan	INSET DAY
4th Jan	Children return to School

MAGIC BUS ACTIVITIES

It was great to see 12 of our Yr 5 pupils participate in our Monday morning fitness and breakfast club with coach Carlos from the Magic Bus charity. They played a range of exiting games but also learnt lessons about team work and cooperation. If you have a Year 5 child who would like to take part, please come along on Monday morning at 8.00am. This is a fantastic, free opportunity to get fit and enjoy breakfast.

Value of the week:

Determination

Bible Verse: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

School Maintenance

Thank for all the maintenance grant contributions we have received so far. The money enables us to make important improvements to the school. If you have not made payments yet. Please do so as soon as possible.

What has Been Happening at St Mark's?

Throughout the school, we endeavour to provide children with exciting, inspiration learning opportunities to help to create within them a passion for learning. In additional to the range of exciting classroom based learning that has taken place this term, many classes have participated in a range of school trips and other inspirational events.

Year 1- Visit to the Transport Museum as part of their topic on journeys

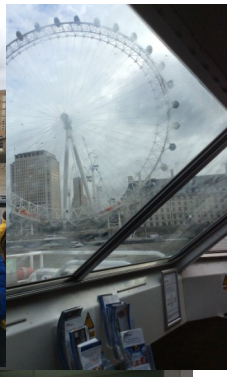
Year 2 - Trip along the Thames on the 'Thames Clipper boat as part of their topic on 'London'

Year 3- Visit to London Bridge as part of their topic on 'Bridges'

Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Day and Visit of Dom the Anglo Saxon and also a visit to the Museum of London

Year 6— Visit to the Recycling Centre as part of their topic on 'Protecting the Planet'

Teachers are busy booking trips for Term 2. Many thanks for your support in accompanying classes on school trips, they could not happen without parental support



Breakfast Club

REMEMBER: Breakfast Clubs is available daily from 8am –8:50am

Please speak to the school office staff if you would like your child to attend

Black History at St Mark's

During the course of the week, pupils have learnt about important characters and events as part of our black history focus, which culminated in our International Day, which saw both children and staff dress in their

traditional dress or colours of their national flag

Great costumes on show for our Cultural Dress Day. We all looking forward to our International Evening tonight!

Christmas Shoebox

It is that time again when we aim to give joy for less fortunate children across the world through our Christmas shoebox appeal. You will receive information after the half term holiday.

OUTDOOR LEARNING BEGINS

Due to the excellent work undertaken by pupils, parents and volunteers in clearing the flowerbeds and wildlife gardens, two classes were able to begin work this week with gardeners from Kennington Park. Pupils in Year 2 learnt about growing flowers from bulbs and then planted some in the wildlife garden. Year 3 learnt about growing wheat. They used hand mills to make flour from whether and planted their own wheat seeds in the Pizza Garden. Later in the year, we plan for them to go to Brixton Windmill to grind the wheat for their Pizza base!

Stars of the Term

Special Recognition for key learners in Term 4

At the end of each term, teachers select 3 children who have demonstrated excellent achievement ,excellent effort and excellent collaboration in the way they have worked with others. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities but the children below have been chose by their teachers for Term 1

Reception Rosa, Luna, Eni

Year 1 Victoria, Shary, Bradley

Year 2 Ethen Norris, Kadeem

Year 3 Imani, Anna, Sara

Year 4 Filipe, Dimitri, Nezerrah

Year 5 Serena, Mariette, Makeina

Year 6 Marcela, Joao, Rebeka