Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

23rd February 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.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

Parents' Evening

It was very pleasing to see so many parents present during our parents evenings this week. Hopefully, you found it helpful to speak to teachers, see your child's work and find out how they are performing again in comparison to the expected standards in their year group. If you have not managed to speak to your child's class teacher, please do so as soon as possible so that we can continue to work together to enable children to make as much progress as possible.

Attendance and Punctuality

Many thanks for your support in helping the school to improve attendance and punctuality this week. Due to an increase in the number of absences across the school since September, the local authority expect the school to issue penalty fine notices of £60 for unauthorised absences and for holidays taken during term time. Please inform the school of all illnesses as soon as possible and avoid unauthorised absences in order to avoid this. Expected rates of attendance is 96.5%+ and there are a large proportion of children who currently have attendance rates of below 90%. This attracts the attention of Lambeth local authority when there is no genuine medical reason for absence. Please support the school in helping us to achieve attendance rates of over 96.5% from now on.

Developing the outdoor area

Help us to develop the school even more. Please talk to your children about how our school playground can be improved and then draw/sketch and label your ideas on **page 2** then return your ideas to the school office by **9th March 2018.**

Value of the Week

COMPASSION

BIBLE VERSE

Do everything in Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

ATTENDANCE AND PUNTUALITY

NUR -	96.21%
REC -	96.19%
Yr 1 -	94.4%
Yr 2 -	94.07%
Yr 3 -	94.67%
Yr 4 -	96.43%
Yr 5 -	97.93%
Yr 6 -	98.62%

WELL DONE

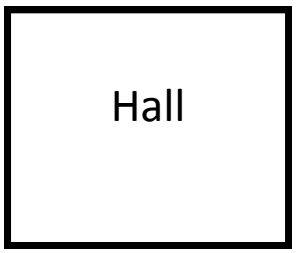
TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

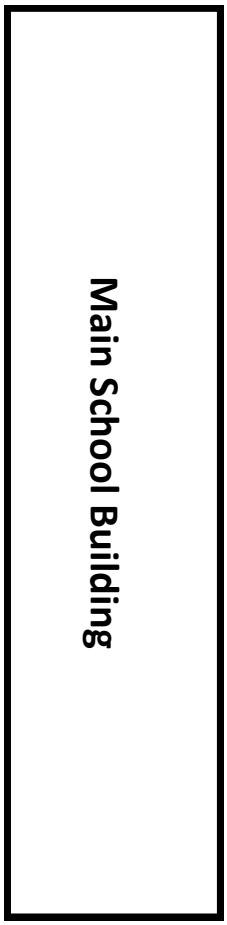
Nursery, Reception, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 for achieving 96% or above this week

Absences Add Up - Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year

Family Design Task

We are very ambitious for the children at St Mark's and we are currently involved in discussions to develop the outdoor playground. We would like to improve the ball area, portacabin and introduce more play equipment and apparatus for children to use. This all depends on money. However, we would like your ideas on what you would like to see within our school playground. What should we include? Draw or sketch and then label your ideas below.





Please hand into the office by Friday 9th March

A WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS…

A very well done to all children in **Years 3,4,5** and **6** who participated in the music concert at the end of Term 3.

Many thanks to all members of the **PSA– Friends of St Mark's** who organised an excellent Valentine's themed evening for the school community and thank you for all families that supported the event. More money was raised for the school.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK…?

St Mark's had an adventurous week of outings. The above all took place in one week

- **Year 3** and **Year 6** visit to Ritzy
- **Year 1** Thames Clipper trip
- **Nursery** Stay and Play
- **Years 1 & 2 Parents'** Maths training
- **Year 3** & **Year 4** music concert
- **Year 5** & **6** music concert
- **Reception** Balance Bike training

Thanks to all the teachers for offering our kids an outstanding curriculum.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UNTIL 29th MARCH 2018

SCIENCE TECH ENGINEERING MATHS

TAEKWONDO MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

GYMNASTICS CLUB

FOOD SCIENCE CLUB

COMPUTER SCIENCE

St Mark's CHOIR CLUB

BASKETBALL CLUB

ART CLUB

It has been all fun and games and extra learning since the beginning of Term. After School Clubs are on from 3.30pm-4.25pm with the exception of Taekwondo till 4.45pm. There are 5 weeks left until the end of term. To find out about available spaces in clubs and more information speak to Miss Bee in the school office.

Thank you for your fundraising support

Many thanks to our Parent Staff Association- Friends of St Mark's and to all families for supporting our efforts and events to raise money for the school. So far we have raised £ 4584.45 and we are in the process of placing an order for a school stage and a PA system that we can use out-doors.

Come and join us for prayer every Monday morning at 9.00am

Development for Nursery and Reception Classes

Our new school Nursery continues to grow from strength to strength! There are now 25 children and many others on the waiting list eager for a school place.
From next Monday, children in Nursery and Reception will have access to a soft, mulched all weather outdoor learning environment without the mud! Phase 2 (the front space) will be completed during the Easter holidays.

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School

Book Week 2018

WORLD BOOK DAY 1 MARCH 2018

26th February – 2nd March 2018

There will be regular opportunities throughout the week for the younger children to read with the older children in the school.

Focus of the Week
Reading for Pleasure
Reading to make us better writers.

Dress Up Day!

On **Thursday 1st March**, children are invited to come into school dressed as their book favourite character. There will be a parade and a £10 Waterstone's gift voucher for the most creative outfit.

Visits to Durning Library

Classes will have the opportunity to go to Durning Library and change their books.

Parent helpers needed:

Tues 27th Feb at 1:30pm	Year 6
Tues 27th Feb at 2:15pm	Year 3
Wed 28th Feb at 1:30pm	Year 1
Wed 28th Feb at 2:15pm	Year 4
Fri 2nd March at 1:30pm	Reception
Mon 5th March at 1:30pm	Year 2
Mon 5th March at 2:15pm	Year 5

Classes will need to leave 30 minutes before the time shown above.
Your help with will be much appreciated.
Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

Writing focus Day– Thursday 1st March

Please come along to Assembly on Friday at 10:25am for a 'Show and Tell'!

Tuesday 27th February
ACtiv Story Workshops led by a company called West End in Schools.

Spelling Bee

On **Wednesday 28th February** at **10:25am** there will be a Spelling Bee. Each class will have a team and there will be a staff team and a parent team. Please let Miss Trott (Year 6 teacher) know if you would like to take part.

Parents - Get Involved!

We would love parents to get involved:

Monday 26th February at 10:25am in the School Hall

- Be part of our launch assembly and share the book you enjoyed as a child. Please speak to Mrs Eade (Deputy Head)

Thursday 1st March at 9:05 in the School Hall

- Join us for the Character Parade at 9:05 in the school hall

Friday 2nd March at 9:00

- Come to school and spend the first 20 minutes reading with your child.

Read a story to your child's class at the end of the school day. Please arrange a time with your child's class teacher.

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Easter Half-Term Fun 2018

CAMP DATES
Week 1: 2nd—6th April
Week 2: 9th—13th April

OPEN TO: All children aged 5-11 years

TIMES
9am-4.30pm daily

COST
£17 a day
£70 per week (Monday—Friday: save £15)

BOOK NOW! LIMITED SPACES

BOOKING
Pick up a registration form from the school office

To secure a space please complete a REGISTRATION FORM, include FEE and return it to the office in a sealed envelope before FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2018

REFRESHMENTS
Please provide your child with a healthy snack, packed lunch & drink in a refillable container

ACTIVITIES
Volleyball, boccia, badminton, dance, Easter egg hunt, cricket, tennis, basketball, athletics, handball, hockey, four square, tag rugby, table tennis, gymnastics, benchball, dodgeball and Tug of war

AWARDS
Prizes awarded daily

VENUE
St Mark's C of E Primary School, Harleyford Road SE11 5SL

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Diary Dates for Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018	**Beginning of Term 4**	**Beginning of Term 4**
Monday 19th February 2018	Return to school	
Wednesday 21st February 2018	Year 1 Parent Workshop—Phonics	9.00– 9.45am
Wednesday 21st February 2018	**Parents Evening**	
Thursday 22nd February 2018	**Parents Evening**	
Thursday 22nd February 2018	500 Word Competition entries submitted	
Monday 26th February	Beginning of Reading and Writing week	See separate letter outlining all of our fun events
Wednesday 28th February	Basketball competition for some Year 4, 5 and 6 children	
Wednesday 28th February	**School Journey Meeting for Year 6 Parents at 6.00pm**	**In the school hall Children welcome**
Thursday 1st March 2018	**WORLD BOOK DAY Costume parade 9.05am. All Welcome**	**Children dress as their Book Characters**
Friday 2nd March 2018	Official opening of our new school Library	This date is postponed. We will inform you of a new date and details soon
Friday March 2nd 2018	YR 5 Science Workshop at St Martin's in the Field	A.M
Monday 5th March 2018	Walhampton Children to visit St Mark's for two days	Overnight visit- tbc
Friday 16th March 2018	Year 2 visiting Southwark Cathedral 10.30-12.00	Parent volunteers needed
Tuesday 20th March	Year 2 and Year 5 involved in the Lambeth Music Festival	Tickets now available
Thursday 22nd March	Year 3 visiting Southwark Cathedral 10.30-12.00	Parent volunteers needed
Friday 23rd March 2018	YR 4,5 & 6 Girls' Football Tournament	10 – 2pm Ferndale Leisure Centre
Friday 23rd March 2018	YR 4 Science Workshop at St Martin's in the Field	A.M.
w/c Monday 26th March 2018	**RE WEEK**	RE themed activities all week
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Year 5 visiting Southwark Cathedral	10.30-12.00
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Year 3 Pedestrian Training	Children to come to school in PE kits and trainers
Thursday 29th March 2018	Year 4 Leading the Easter Service at St Mark's Church	9.30 Start
Thursday 29th March 2018	**Last day of Term 4**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**
Monday 16th April 2018	**Return Back to school 8.55am**	**First day Term 5**