Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

23rd March 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,

Improving Pupil Outcomes,

Developing a love for reading

On Thursday parents, library monitors, class representatives and our visiting author **Catalina Echeverri** gathered to mark the official opening of our new school library. Mrs Eade, along with volunteers and the school librarians have worked hard to create the library and each week classes will be able to borrow books to take home. We are working hard across the school to raise the profile of reading and expose children to high quality literature, but please continue to support at home by reading with your child for 15-20 minutes every night. This will help their reading fluency, understanding of words and reading comprehension.

Providing an outstanding Curriculum

I am thrilled at the learning opportunities that our class teachers provide for our children at St Mark's. Not only are they exciting, but they will be remembered for years to come. During the past two weeks children in **Years 5 and 6** got to participate in a girls' football tournament; **Years 3 and 4** visited The Natural History Museum; **Years 2 and 3** visited Southwark Cathedral; **Years 2 and 5** took part in the Lambeth Music Festival; Year 5 worked with Lambeth Into University; **Year 1** worked with the school gardeners and **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** took part in reading and writing workshops with our visiting author. Next week **Year 5** will be visiting Southwark Cathedral and **Year 4** will be leading our

Easter Service at St Mark's Church on

Thursday 29th March at 9.25am

Value of the Week

CARING FOR OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

BIBLE VERSE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

ATTENDANCE AND PUNTUALITY

NUR -	84.86%
REC -	95.01%
Yr 1 -	95.33%
Yr 2 -	94.59%
Yr 3 -	93.11%
Yr 4 -	93.87%
Yr 5 -	96.94%
Yr 6 -	96.52%

WELL DONE

TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

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

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

WINNERS OF BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Nicholas - N

Shenaya - N

Moriah - R

Eliana– R

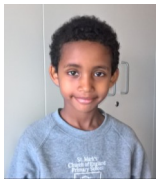
Holly & Freya -1

Apryl- 2

Shary - 2

Kelly - 2

Maja - 3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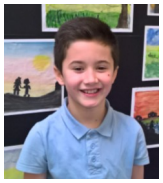
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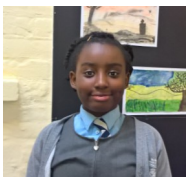
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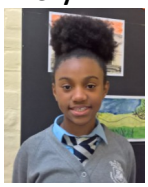
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Congratulations to all of the above students from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 for winning the best outfits for World Book Day! They won book vouchers for their amazing outfits and creative costumes.

Promoting sport across the school

Last Friday 12 girls from Years 5 and 6 participated in a football tournament against other Lambeth schools. It was a very valuable experience and they thoroughly enjoyed it. As a result, a number of girls have requested a Year 5-6 Girls Football Club, which will start after Easter and take place on a Wednesday after school. Please sign up. Today we celebrated Sports Relief with fun sports challenges and activities across the day. Children across the school will have the chance to take part in competitions against other schools during the rest of the school year.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Easter breakfast on Wednesday 28th March @ 8.00-8.45pm

For children and parents/carers. It would be great to see more dads, granddads, older brothers and uncles in school having breakfast with children.

SCHOOL FINISHES ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH @ 1.30pm

Please arrange for your children to be collected on time! There will be no After School Clubs or Superkids Club

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK…?

Easter Events

Many classes across the school have been learning about the events that lead up to Easter and why Easter is so significant to Christians. Next week we will be continuing to focus on the importance of Easter. **Year 5** will be visiting **Southwark Cathedral** and **Year 4** will be leading our Easter service on **Thursday 29th March at St Mark's Church at 9.30am** to which you are all invited to. To add to this, all classes will be making "Values Banners" which we will display around the school (see below).

Teachers have already been planning their ideas, but we need parental help and support. If you can come into your child's class next week to help with sewing, sticking or anything else, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

At St Mark's school we strive to ensure that all our families are supported by providing a range of subsidised before and after school activities to make our services financially accessible to all.

This includes:

Breakfast Club: at £2.50 per day – sign up for the whole week - or just certain days - to suit your lifestyle and budget. We also accept ad-hoc bookings

After School Clubs: at just £20 per club for 10 weeks this is just £2 per club per week and is heavily subsidised by the school to give children from Year 1 – Year 6 a choice of enrichment activities. Look out for the new clubs and sign up sheets for the Summer term. More details to follow

"Superkids" (After School Care): at just £35 for the whole week and running from 3.30pm – 6pm, a great and cost effective way for your child to be looked after in term time. We also have daily rates of £8 per day if you do not want to do a whole week and also accept one-off bookings

Free School Meals – Please feel free to CHECK with the office staff if your child in Nursery and Years 3 – 6 is entitled to Free School Meals. It costs nothing to check and may save you money if you are entitled.

Children in Reception and Yr 1 & Yr 2 automatically receive a free school meal.

Super Cool Clubs

Exciting After School Clubs in SUMMER TERM 2018

Super Cool Clubs

SIGN UP DAYS FOR SUMMER CLUBS

Summer Term After School Clubs are starting soon so its that time again for you to choose your favourite clubs and enjoy 10 weeks of fun with your friends. Letters will be given out on **Monday 16th April;** remember to sign up with filled out forms with correct money by **FRIDAY 20th APRIL 2018**

- **DRAMA**
- **MULTISPORTS**
- **ART**
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- **TAEKWON-DO**
- **JEWELLERY MAKING**
- **GYMNASTICS**
- **CHOIR**
- **FOOD SCIENCE**
- **GIRLS FOOTBALL**
- **HOMEWORK**
- **FOOTBALL**
- **DODGEBALL**
- **TEXTILES**

We have an amazing lists of after school clubs available for our pupils. We have been so fortunate to have professional tutors sharing their expert knowledge to enhance our children's creativity, learning and development. These clubs have been made available at a subsidised price to help our families with cost .

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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

CONTACT DETAILS
Email: sport-box@outlook.com
Phone: 0739 124 8293

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Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

The Boat Race 2018

FREE (All Ages)

Various locations / 020 7902 0200 / http://theboatrace.org

Saturday 24th March races start from 4.35pm

Sporting history will be made this year when the women's race joins the men's race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities! First raced in 1829 and 1927 respectively, it is one of the oldest sporting events in the world watched by thousands along the banks of The Thames, between Putney & Mortlake. With fun activities starting from noon at Bishop's Park, Fulham and Furnivall Gardens, Hammersmith.

Discover Children's Story Centre – Tolkien Day

Tickets: £6.50 (entrance to the Story Centre) – pre book Tolkien events

Saturday 24th March

Centre open 10am – 5pm

1pm – Tolkien storytelling; 2pm – Tolkien Beard making

Children's Story Centre, 383 – 387 High Street, Stratford, E15 4QZ

020 8536 5555/www.discover.org.uk

Nearest tube/DLR: Stratford.

This September, a Lord of the Rings TV adaptation is set to hit small screens everywhere. If you can't wait that long to return to Middle Earth, drop by the Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford. For one glorious day, the institution will pay homage to J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tolkien remains one of the most popular authors in the world. Best known for *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, his books contain entire worlds of his own creation; including geography, history, and language. Widely regarded as the father of modern fantasy, Tolkien is to thank for everything from Game of Thrones to Harry Potter. Discover Children's Story Centre will celebrate the legacy of this vital writer in March. Since Tolkien's storytelling transcends age, the events are appropriate for all ages – but these events do have a limited capacity, so pre-booking is essential to avoid disappointment. The Discover centre includes Story World and Story Garden with activities all day for all ages.

Pump House Gallery – Sounding Objects

FREE (drop in activity) All ages – children must be accompanied by an adult

Sunday 25th March 12 – 4pm

Battersea Park, London, SW11 4NJ
pumphousegallery.org.uk/020 3959 0021

Discover a landscape made from found objects and sculptures waiting to be tapped, rattled and played by visitors. Explore the sonic properties, voice and identity of the objects on display and use them to create your own soundscape. Experience sound in a fresh way after listening to a guided sound walk of the park and creating your own musical score using the sounds of the park. Join us on 25 March as the project culminates in a final performance by the artists, working with all the sounds, surfaces and sculptures that have been developed and collected.

V&A Museum of Childhood

FREE

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March

Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9PA www.vam.ac.uk

Nearest tube Bethnal Green

Drop in activities throughout the day for children of all ages, from 6months to 14 years includes: Little Hands playtime, storytelling and arts and crafts. Check website for full timetable.

Diary Dates for Term 4 & 5

Monday 19th February 2018	**Beginning of Term 4**	**Beginning of Term 4**
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	**Easter Breakfast—come and have breakfast with your child**	**8.00-8.45.**
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	**9.25am** Start
Thursday 29th March 2018	**End of Term 4**	**School Finishes at 1.30pm**
Monday 16th April	**Beginning of Term 5**	**School starts at 8.55am Sharp**
Wednesday 18th April 2018	**Year 3 & Year 4** Mini Tennis Festival	**10am—2.30pm Vauxhall Primary School**
W/C 23rd April 2018	**MATHS WEEK**	
Monday 23rd April 2018	**Beginning of After School Clubs**	**3.30pm—4.30pm *4.45pm * Taekwondo**
Monday 30th April 2018	**School Photographers CLASS GROUP PICTURES**	**9.00am**
Monday 6th May 2018	**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**	**SCHOOL CLOSED**
Tuesday 15th May 2018	**Guy's & St Thomas' VISION SCREENING**	**RECEPTION CLASS**
Friday 25th May 2018	**End of Term 5**	**School ends at 3.30pm**
Monday 4th June 2018	**Beginning of Term 5**	**School Starts 8.55am Sharp**
Tuesday 26th June 2018	**School Photographers**	**Individuals & Siblings**
Friday 20th July 2018	**End of Term 5**	**Farewell Year 6**

PROVISIONAL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018

Start: **Tuesday 4h September** – All pupils return to school

Friday 12th October **– 1 INSET DAY** (school closed to students)

Finish: **Friday 19th October**

Half Term: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Start: **Monday 29th October** – All pupils return to school

Finish: **Friday 21st December**

Christmas Holiday: Monday 24th December 2018 – Friday 4th January 2019

Spring Term 2019

Start: **Tuesday 8th January** – All pupils return to school

Finish: **Friday 15th February**

Half Term: **Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February**

Start: **Monday 25th February** – All pupils return to school

Finish: **Friday 5th April**

Easter Break: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

Summer Term 2019

Start: **Tuesday 23rd April** – All pupils return to school

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday school closed)

Finish: **Friday 24th May**

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Start: **Monday 3rd June** - All pupils return to school

Finish: **Friday 19th July**

BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Tuesday 25 December 2018 (Christmas Day)

Wednesday 26 December 2018 (Boxing Day)

Tuesday 1 January 2019 (New Year's Day)

Friday 19th April 2019 (Good Friday)

Monday 22nd April 2019 (Easter Monday)

Monday 6 May 2019 (May Day)

Monday 27 May 2019 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Monday 26 August 2019 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Permission will not be given for pupils to be taken out of school during term time for family holidays, as this is very disruptive to their education and is not in keeping with Government guidelines.