Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
24th November 2017

'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Our trophy cabinet is filling up!

On Friday the 17 November, **St Mark's** football team were involved in a football tournament at Black Prince Community Centre. They played against four other schools involving Vauxhall primary school, Ashmole, Henry Fawcett and Wyvil. All these schools really tested their abilities. There was an **A team** and a **B team** for every school that was there. All the teams tried their best but **St.Mark's** stood out the most. The **A team** were able to beat one of their opponents **17-1!!!** On one occasion, **Dominic** flew down the pitch heading towards the goal. **Andre** received a pass from **Ifedayo (**one of our best midfielders) and drilled the ball through the air making an astonishing finish. This was an amazing opportunity for us to have, and we look forward to representing the school in other tournaments. **By Saied, Andre and Dominic**

Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality are key areas on which a school is judged. If children are not in school or regularly late for school, it affects their learning. Please can you make sure that children are in their lines ready to go into class by **8.55am**. This may mean waking up or starting the journey to school earlier.

Parking

Please can parents **avoid parking on the Zig-Zag lines outside of school.** When cars are parked there, it means children have to step out into the road with limited visibility of traffic on the road.

Drop–Off

Finally can I remind all parents from **Nursery** to **Year 2** that children need to be supervised by an adult up until the time they enter school at **8.55am.** Please do not leave them unaccompanied or leave them with older children.

Breakfast Club

We have a new, varied menu at breakfast club which includes a range of fresh fruit, milk, eggs, cheese and ham. Every Thursday a sports coach also comes in to lead exercise for all children in breakfast club. We still have a few spaces available, so please speak to someone in the office if you like to book your child a place.

Value of the Week

OUR CORE VALUES–HARD WORK

BIBLE VERSE

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

1 COR 15.58

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery—	76.67
Reception-	97.39
Year 1 -	95.00
Year 2—	95.00
Year 3—	97.42
Year 4—	95.86
Year 5—	95.17
Year 6—	98.67

WELL DONE

To the following classes hitting over 96.5%

Reception, Year 3, & Year 6

Lets all work together as a team to get the overall school attendance above 96%

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

Many thanks for those of you who brought in a shoebox to send to another country. In total we sent **53 boxes.**

Year 6: So far this year four different classes have worked with the school gardeners around school. Not only does it allow children to learn out-doors, it teaches them valuable skills.

Members of the **School Council** have been busy visiting local places and advertising our Reception open months. Some have even led school tours for visiting parents.

David in **Year 5** gave an exceptional performance playing the piano to the school in this week's School Collective Worship Assembly.

The children in **Nursery** went on their first trip of the year yesterday. They went on a bus trip to Westminster and had a great time.

Superkids' After School Care

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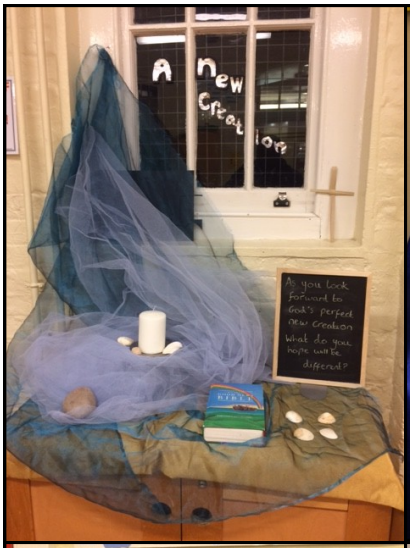
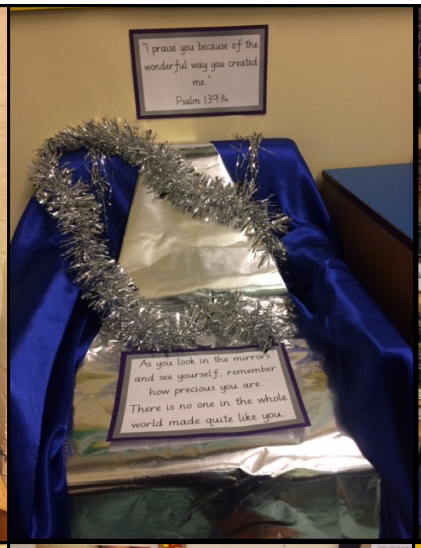
The children at our After School Club are having lots of fun playing dodge ball with a twist in the picture above. The number of children are steadily increasing but we still have vacancies. **Our cost of £8 per day or £35 per week** is very competitive and includes snacks, a daily hot meal, planned activities across the week, homework help and playing alongside excellent St Mark's staff. We also have special deals for siblings and children who currently or have previously received free schools

Please come and speak to Natasha in the school office for further information.

Reflection Areas

Across the school the teachers and in some cases the children have created reflection areas. These spaces allow children to express their thoughts and feelings, say a prayer or simply reflect on spiritual matters. Here are some below.





If you know of anybody who is looking for a Reception place, please let them know about us and encourage them to visit the school.

Class Trips

All classes across the school are fortunate to go on regular school trips and visits nearly every term. We believe that these provide the children with meaningful, memorable learning opportunities outside of the school building. Please note that many of the trips include an activity or a workshop and often this is paid for or reduced from money taken from the school budget.

Parent Volunteers for trips

Due to pupil to adult ratios, we rely heavily on parents supporting us on trips and if we don't have enough adults we will have to cancel school trips, so please continue to support the school by volunteering to come along when your child's class go out on a school trip.

Reading Volunteers

We would also like to encourage as many of you as possible to become a school reading volunteer and come in regularly each week to hear some children read. Please do consider this as it has a significant impact for the children who are given the opportunity to read regularly with an adult. It will also provide you with valuable experience of working with children within a school setting. If you think that you can help with this or could volunteer any other skills, please complete the volunteer form below and had it in to the school office.

Parent Volunteer

I would like to become a volunteer within St Mark's Primary School.

Name _____

Child's Name _____ **Class** _____

Type of voluntary work (please tick)

- **Reading Volunteer**
- **Library Volunteer**
- **Supporting with Arts and Crafts**
- **Other** _____

Dates and times I am available _____

Do you have a current DBS certificate? (please tick)

- **Yes**
- **No**

Contact Number _____

Many thanks and we will be in contact soon

Autumn Tem Dates for 2017/18		
Date	**Term 2 events 2017/18**	Details
Wednesday 29th November 2017	**YR 4 out at the Science Museum**	**All day During the morning**
Wednesday 29th November 2017	**Reception Class out on to Battersea Theatre**	**Just the morning**
Thursday 30th November 2017	**Urban Canopy (School Gardeners) in to work with Year 5**	
Friday 1st December 2017	**Year 3 out all day to the Science Museum**	**All day**
Tuesday 5th December 2017	**School Choir and Recorder Group performing at Vauxhall Station**	**From 4.30-4.45pm**
Wednesday 6th December 2017	**School Council are visiting the Houses of Parliament**	**From 10.00-2.30pm More details to follow.**
Wednesday 6th December 2017	**Year 5 and 6 Musictrax cello and violin Concert for parents**	**Children will be showcasing what they have learnt so far 3.30-3.15pm**
Friday 8th December 2017	**YR 5 & 6 Chess competition– 15 children from each class participating**	**All day**
Monday 11th December 2017	**Reception height and weight measurements**	
Wednesday 13th December 2017	**EYFS Nativity for parents**	**In the school hall 2.30pm followed by mince pies and hot drinks**
Thursday 14th December 2017	**Nursery Trip to Oval House Theatre**	**10.45-12.00**
Friday 15th December 2017	**Christmas Lunch (new date) Class Parties**	**1:15 onwards in Classrooms**
Tuesday 19th December 2017	**Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity**	**Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm**
Wednesday 20th December 2017	**St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church**	**Led by Key Stage 2 All are welcome**
Wednesday 20th December 2017	**Christmas Craft Market**	**3.30-4.30pm**
Thursday 21st December 2017	**End of Term 2**	**School finishes at 1.30 pm**
Tuesday 9th January 2017	**Beginning of Term 3**	**School begins at 8.55am**

PRIDE OF LIONS JUNIOR COURSES

These half day courses are ideal if you are looking for something to occupy your little ones whilst you squeeze in some last minute Christmas shopping! **All those booking a place by the 1st December will be entered into a draw to win 4 tickets for Day 3 of the England vs India Test Match** at the Kia Oval on

Sunday 9th September 2018.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Battersea Arts Centre – Family Saturday

Saturday 25th Nov, 10am – 3.00pm /FREE (0-11yrs & their families)

Lavender Hill, SW11 5TN / www.bac.org.uk / 020 7223 2223

Join us on the final Saturday of every month when families take over Battersea Arts Centre for a day of fun, food and FREE activities including face painting, music, toy and clothes swaps and more!
Workshops are free and you can sign up on the day. Over 6s can take part on their own whilst adults relax in the café bar. Under 5s must be accompanied by a parent or carer

The Livity School – Bollywood Nights

Saturday 25th Nov, from 6.00pm, Tickets: £5 Adults, £2 Children

The Livity School, Adare Walk, off Mountearl Gds (off Leigham Court Road), Streatham, SW16 2PW

For more info email: pkavarana@thelivity.lambeth.sch.uk

Featuring International Food Stall, Music, Dancing Lessons, Asian dress & jewellery sale, Henna, Bollywood dressing up, Tombola. Prize for best dressed Bollywooder!
The Livity School is a school for children with profound and complex special educational needs. All funds raised will go towards the purchasing of technological or sensory equipment and contribute to the provision of extra facilities

Design Museum – Create & Make

Sunday 26th Nov, 11am – 4.00pm FREE (5 – 11 yrs)

224-238 Kensington High Street, London W8 6AG **/** www.designmuseum.org

Tubes: High Street Kensington, Earl's Court & Holland Park plus Kensington/Olympia overground station

On the last Sunday of every month, the Design Museum holds a drop-in activity for families inspired by the museum and the exhibitions. These informal sessions focus on light-touch design and making activities for children aged 5–11. Come along and become a designer!

Parents/guardians must remain with their children at all times. Booking essential for groups of 6 or more children. Please contact Bookings@designmuseum.org

Sunday 26th Nov, 11am – 3.00pm FREE (All Ages)

Follow signs to the Learning Studio and Reynolds Room, Burlington House, Royal Academy of Arts,

Piccadilly, W1J 0BD/ 020 7300 8000 / www.royalacademy.org.uk

Nearest tube: Green Park or Piccadilly Circus

Artists from ActionSpace lead a workshop for families to make flags from paint, felt tips and more. Learn how to create symbols and slogans to represent your family's stories

ActionSpace support the development of artists with learning disabilities and creates innovative projects for people with learning disabilities to engage with the visual arts.

Dulwich Picture Gallery – Flower Garland Making

Sunday 26th Nov, 2.00 – 4.00pm, £3 per child, free for Adults (children under 3 go free)

Gallery Rd, Dulwich, SE21 7AD / 020 8693 5254 / www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

Bus: P4, 3, P13 or 37

An opportunity to work together creatively and have lots of fun making flower garlands to take home Tickets can be bought on the day from the ticket desk