Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

25th November 2022

'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 Parents and Carers,

We come to the last three weeks of the Autumn Term. Although so much has been going on across the school, we still have so much to squeeze in before the end of the term. Please read the key dates and the notices within the newsletter to be aware of what is planned.

Wednesday 30th November 2022	Years 5 & 6 Music Concert	2.50 pm School hall
Thursday 1st December 2022	Year 5 Sycamore Class visiting Longfield House to watch A Christmas Carol	Parents helpers needed. Speak to class teacher
Tuesday 6th December 2022	EYFS Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Monday 5th December 2022	Year 5 Sycamore Class final swimming session	
Wednesday 7th December 2022	Parents Coffee Morning – run by Options for Change	9.00
Thursday 8th December 2022	School Christmas Lunch	Details to be sent out
Thursday 8th December 2022	YR 3 – 4 Music Concert	2.55 pm
Friday 9th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 donation for save the children
Friday 9th December 2022	St Mark's Christmas Market	3.30-4.15pm
Tuesday 13th December 2022	National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)	
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Held in the school hall for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th December 2022	St Mark's singing carols at the Oval Station	8.50 – 9.30am
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Nursery Cedar Class visiting Battersea Arts Centre am	
Thursday 15th December 2022	St Mark's Carol Service 9.20am Held at St Mark's Church	Led by Key Stage 2. All are welcome
Thursday 15th December 2022	Whole school Pantomime	2pm start in the hall
Friday 16th December 2022	**Half Day Inset**	**School finishes at 1.30 pm**
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day	No School
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Term 3 Begins Children Back Today	In the line at 8.55am

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Self-Control

BIBLE VERSE

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and

ATTENDANCE NEWS

N - 63.95%

R - 86.21%

1 - 81.97%

2 - 93.85%

3 - 95.56%

4 - 82.87%

Attendance & Punctuality

This week, we had **27 late** arrivals before the register is closed. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. **Please do your best to navigate travel with the strikes, as too many children are arriving late.** Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance.

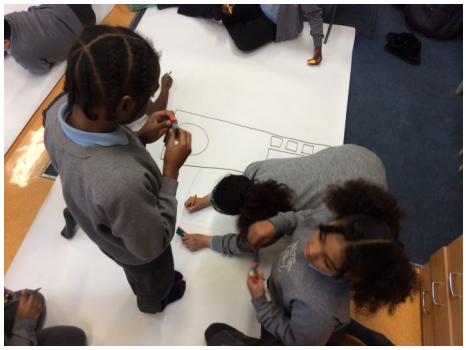
Thank you Mrs Natasha

St Mark's school life

Juniper Class went to St Mark's Church to learn all about 'The Nativity' and why it is important to Christians. They engaged well and answered many questions. A big thank you to Reverend Steve who led the lesson.

Juniper Class also went on a walk to see places of interest in our local area. They saw the Oval Cricket Ground, Oval Tube Station, St Mark's Church and Kennington Park ,where we looked at the Tinworth Fountain.

DOODLE CLUB



Thank you to Ben Connors, parent of a Year 6 child, for this fantastic idea. Children really enjoyed expressing themselves through their drawing skills in a relaxed environment.

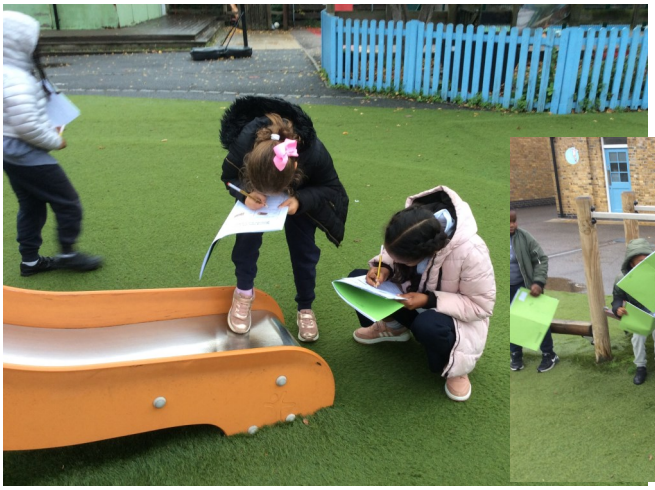
What's been happening at St Mark's?

Oak Class—Year 2 have been busy learning across the curriculum

RE session

VISIT TO DURNING LIBRARY

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



School Uniform

A REMINDER TO WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING PE LESSONS. THANK YOU

- **Black school shoes**. Please do not purchase black trainers for school
- **A blue shirt or polo shirt**. We are happy if children purchase these from a store rather than purchase the one with the school logo, as it works out far cheaper. Make sure it is the correct colour
- **A grey skirt or grey trousers**
- **A school sweatshirt or cardigan**
- A book bag / A school bag
- **PE kit is white t-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms and school jumper**. Please avoid branded items. PE kit should only be worn on PE days

- Please can children not wear jewellery to school, apart from stud earrings for health and safety purposes. Hair bands must be simple and preferably in the school colours. Avoid hair accessories—large, colourful bows etc.

School Days

Breakfast club
8.00 am to 8.50 am

After School clubs
3.30 pm to 4.25 pm

School Starts / End:

School gates open: 8:45 am

EYFS & KS1: 8:55am - 3:20pm (Monday to Friday) KS 1 Parents are to remain with children until the bell sounds

KS2 : 8:55 - 3:25 pm (Monday to Friday) Please be on time!

Health & Safety requirement:

When dropping off and collecting your child, please do not stop at any time by the entrance gates, keep moving, as it is blocking the way to others and it is against H&S, which we all have to adhere to.

Absences & Sickness:

If your child is unwell, please notify the school via phone or email and state the reason for the child's absence.

CHRISTMAS
MARKET 2022
Come and buy Christmas presents hand -made by the children of St Mark's
Delicious hot chocolate, cakes and mince pies! 2nd Hand Uniform
ADMISSION FREE
Time/Date: 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Friday 9th December 2022
Venue: St Mark's CE Primary School
Harleyford Road, London SE11 5SL
Volunteers needed – please come & speak to Mrs Natasha
All donations to St Mark's PTA

Christmas lunch on Thursday 8th December

If your child is packed lunch and you will have to order school dinner for that day.

A letter will be sent home on Friday with further details.

Countdown to Christmas

Roast Turkey With Christmas Sausage, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Or

Butternut Squash Jalousie With Gravy

Served With Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

Christmas Chocolate Log
Or
Fresh Fruit Platter

Feeding Hungry Minds

ISS Classification - Unrestricted

St Mark's CE Primary School

PARENT/CARER GOVERNORS

A big congratulations to our new Parent Governors Shane Goodyear and Tabs Francis who have been offered the two vacant parent governor positions as other nominees withdrew, which meant that we did not need to hold a ballot. A big thank you for our two existing parent governors Ade Onojobi and Stephen A for their excellent, strategic work as parent governors, but have now come to the end of their terms and will be stepping down

Mr Shane Goodyear—Parent of Alfie (Reception) & Hope in Nursery

I was born and raised in South London and I am currently a Minister of Religion. I work helping churches to spread and show God's love in the most deprived areas of south London. and I have been doing this for nearly a decade now. My role leads me to interact and meet different types of people, at different stages of life; with different joys, hurts, worldview and ideas and this has led me to understand people who are different to me and to hear their point of view. I would like to bring this experience to bare as a parent governor and bless the parents, the children and the school with that experience. I also seek to learn from the parents and school on how to best train and teach our children to be loving, caring and just future citizens of this city and nation.

Miss Sithabiso (Tabs) Francis— Parent of Atarah in Year 1

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I am a Mother of 3 girls and I'm a professional hairstylist and hair educator and run my own business. I'm a qualified teacher and have a passion for teaching and educating the next generation. I would like to put myself forward for the Governors position as I would like to get to know and understand the schooling system better and be able to help make a positive impact and change. As a parent and voice for other like minded parents within the community I would like to see how I can be of help to make positive relations and work with parents along with teaching staff within St Marks.

I think it's important that the parent governors are able to help bridge a gap between staff, parents and children by having a voice. I would say that I am understanding, considerate, honest, loyal, committed and passionate about the things I love and keep close to my heart and that is by being able to help our children the next generation. To help give them the right start and foundation. I would like to be able to put forward ideas and suggestions that myself and other parents would like to see implemented in and around school.

What's been happening at St Marks?

EYFS Stay and Play

A big thank you to all parents who supported our stay and play event and spent time with children in either Cedar or Ebony Class. We hope to do this again in the future.

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL ABOUT CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

Please ensure to phone or e-mail the school office if your child is not well enough to come to school or notify any other reason for the absence.

Tel. 020 7735 1467 or admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

PARENTS COFFEE MORNING - RUN BY OPTIONS4CHANGE

last Wednesday 23rd November.

This session focused on practical advice on getting through the winter months. We also discussed Benefit Advice

Thank you to parents that were able to attend

OPTIONS 4 CHANGE

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for this academic year or a Reception space for September 2023, please contact us to express your interest and arrange an informal tour of the school.

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

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St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET