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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

27th May 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, Carers, Staff, Governors and Friends of St Mark's,

A big well done to everyone for their contributions across another term. To the staff, for continuing to go above and beyond in their efforts to provide an outstanding, all-round education for the pupils. To the children for their outstanding attitudes towards their learning and for showing such enthusiasm in the classroom and to parents for their ongoing support for the school.

The government has announced that vouchers for families entitled to Free School Meals will be distributed during the May half term. Please look out for this

Important Reminders

- Please remember that children who are in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 should not be left alone, but need to be supervised by an adult before school up until 8.55am when the bell goes.
- Breakfast Club begins at 8.00am. Please avoid putting staff in a difficult position by asking them to take children in earlier.
- Please can children not ride their scooters in the playground or use the gym equipment after school
- Always inform the school office if someone different to usual will be collecting your child from school or club
- Please ensure that children are in the playground at 8.50am and are collected on time at 3.20pm (KS 1 and EYFS) and 3.25pm at the end of the school day (Key Stage 2).

Nursery places still available for September 2022

Nursery places at St Mark's C of E Primary School

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.

If you are interested in a Nursery place for September 2022 please complete an application form here or to find out more about the school, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school on 0207 735 1467

VALUE OF THE WEEK

A Review of the Term

BIBLE VERSE

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom ."

Psalm 90.12

Attendance and Punctuality

Nur—85.93%

Rec— 94.24%

Year 1– 96.44%

Year 2 - 92.59%

Year 3—95.17%

Year 4—99.57%

Year 5 –93.65%

Year 6—89.29%

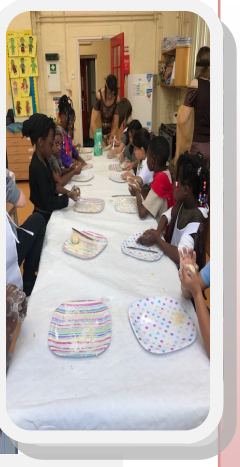
Another great week as 2 classes have achieved our school target of **96% or above**

Well done to everyone!!

Enjoy the Half Term Week and come back refreshed and ready for your learning!

Mrs Natasha

Outstanding learning at St Mark's



OLIVE CLASS

Olive Class have been working so hard making Anglo-Saxon jewellery houses and bread and enjoying an Anglo Saxon Day! They have also been learning about the human body and learning how to stay safe when they are out in public.

JUNIPER CLASS

Year 1 children have been exploring watercolours in Art Class. As 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'is the book for the term, the children have made their own lighthouses and made their own sandwiches as part of DT and English

Oak Class

Well done Oak Class for making excellent balloon cars and racing them.

St Mark's United!

Thank you to parents and staff who took part in our termly football game today

Outstanding Music at St Mark's

Outstanding Music

A very big well done to **Willow, Sycamore, Palm and Olive Class** for their excellent music concerts this week. They have made so much progress and were supporting by lots of parents in the audience on Wednesday and Thursday

Well done to children who have represented the school

During the past two weeks, a number of children in Years 3-6 have represented the school in different Lambeth sports tournaments against other school. It has been great to participate in competitive games once again.

Well done to all who participated:

Cricket Tournament— Erica in Palm Class, Jastin and Joseph in Sycamore Class and Kamarni, Kelly, Bradley, Tiago, Lacara, Ronnell and Kailin

Tennis Tournament—Trojit and Eleanor in Olive Class and Benyam, Jonathan, Erica and Kimberly in Palm Class

Dodgeball Tournament - Holly, Hamza, Abigail, Nila, Emmanuel, Ana Luiza, Brian, Jastin, Joseph, Enioluwa in Sycamore Class and Zahmari, Shary, Maria Victoria, Ronell, Divine, Santiago, Reece, Mesgana, Ana Carolina and Oreoluwa in Willow Class

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Official celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are planned for 2nd—6th June 2022. During Term 6, the whole school will be focusing on various aspects of the Queen's life, which includes her coronation, her faith, aspects of her rule, her duties and responsibilities and challenges that she has experienced in her life. Learning across the curriculum in Art, DT, History and Geography will be incorporated into this topic.

<u>On Monday 13th June 2022</u>, we plan to have a whole school picnic in the playground as our own Platinum Jubilee Celebration. The children can either dress up as royalty (kings, queens, princes and princesses) or wear red, white and blue. We will provide more details when we return to school on Monday 6th June 2022.

Summer Fair 1st July 2022

This year we will be having an afternoon summer fair after school on 1st July 2022. There will be

- **Food**
- **Drink**
- **Bouncy Castles**
- **Face Paint**
- **Games**
- **Ice lollies**
- **And more**

We are very much dependent on the voluntary help of our parent community. Please return the letter sent out today indicating how you will be able to help.

We are hoping to raise money to buy new audio equipment that we can use in whole school events and during our collective worship celebrations

School Diary Dates - 6

w/c 30th May – 3rd June 2022	Half term	
Monday 6th June 2022	First Day of Term 6	
Monday 6th June 2022	Year 6 Cycle Training	PE kit needed all week
Friday 10th June 2022	EYFS Welcome morning for new parents	
Monday 13th June 2022	Queen's Jubilee Celebration in school	Children can dress as royalty or wear red, white and blue
Friday 17th June 2022	Fathers' Day Breakfast	Tickets will need to be booked in advance
Monday 20th June 2022	Year 4 involved with Into University	
Tuesday 21st June 2022	School photographer in for group photos	
Thursday 23rd June 2022	Sports Day	To be held at st Marks
Friday 24th June 2022	Quadkids YR 5/6 Kennington Park	Am/pm sessions TBC
Friday 24th June 2022	EYFS Sports Day	
27th June 2022-29th June 2022	Year 6 School Journey **to Kingswood in Kent**	
Friday 1st July 2022	Badminton Festival YR5/6 London Nautical School	12 – 2.30pm TBC
Friday 1st July 2022	Summer Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 5th July 2022	Visit to St Mark's Church	
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	Event for New parents
Friday 8th July 2022	Award Ceremony	
Sunday 10th July 2022	**Year 6 Leavers Service St Mark's Church 10.15am**	Year 6 to be awarded with a prize at this special leavers service
Monday 11th July	Year 5 sycamore Class visiting Lilian Baylis for a science afternoon	
Wednesday 13th July 2022	**End of Year Reports Distributed on Showcase afternoon**	
Thursday 14th July 2022	Year 6 end of Year production	6pm start—This is a new date
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last day of Summer Term	School finishes at 1.30pm

Term 5 Stars of the Term

TERM 5	Joyful and Positive	Self control and collaboration	Leadership and Accountability	Effort and Hard Work	Kindness and Compassion
Juniper Class	Samuel C	Mason	Josiah	Kavani	Eliana
Oak Class	Sophia	Lisa	Ana Clara	Jacob	Adelia
Olive Class	Benise	Destiny O	Victoria	Eric	Dib
Palm Class	Nehemiah	Jonathan	Derek	John	Kiarah
Sycamore Class	Nickolas	Judith	Abigail	Godfled	Nila C
Willow Class	Oreoluwa	Aiden	Kamarni	Kelly	Mesgana
	Making Links	**Having a go**	**Being a good friend**	**Having their own ideas**	**Being involved**
Nursery	Kingsley	Amen	Neorah	Abdias	Amaar
Ebony Class	Genesis	Dario	Jason	Atarah & Joseph	Brenda

How can help my child with phonics?

This information from Literacy Lab aims to guide and direct parents to a number of online phonic-based activities. It can be a minefield to know where to begin with so many ideas and tips on offer. To get you and your child going, we are sharing a few of websites that are completely free to use.

Phonics

Phonics can be a tricky area to get right for parents as many parents did not learn phonics when they were at school. Being able to articulate the phonemes (sounds of letters) accurately may take a fair bit of practice. Rest assured, the following link will help you as a parent gain knowledge in this area. Articulation of Phonemes is widely used in training sessions for new teachers in getting them ready to teach phonics. Watch how the sounds (both consonants and vowels) are made and notice some that are unvoiced – ***c, f, p, t*** are just a few.

Phonics at Play

Another fantastic website is Phonics Play which has just allowed free access to all due to the school closures. Early Years and KS1 teachers use this fun, interactive website in the discrete teaching of phonics in schools. They have a new site and it is easy to register and get going. Your children will love it.

Twinkl Twinkl help my star

Twinkl is a popular website with teachers and it has also opened up their subscription. It supports a broad range of school topics and themes, providing flashcards, visual word banks, writing frames and many more resources. This link supports children on Phase 3 sounds of phonics which many children in Reception will be working on.

S-p-ee-d-y Sounds

A very popular phonic scheme used in schools is Read Write Inc (RWI) which we are big fans of here at The CLC. On the Ruth Miskin Youtube channel, you will find short videos posted Monday to Friday on the speed sounds with an expert trainer. Sit back and enjoy!

Monsters at the ready!

Teach Your Monster to Read is another great, fun and interactive site. Aimed at young children in the first stages of learning to read; both those who are on track and those who need extra support and motivation. The series complements Phases 2-5 of Letters and Sounds and other major systematic synthetic phonics programmes.

Phonics CAN be FUN!

If you are on Facebook, you do really need to follow Fun Phonics. There are copious videos and ideas for phonics in the home that will engage your child. Full of practical, hands-on, fun activities, your child won't even realise they are learning phonics. Even the most disengaged learner will be interested. You can also find some of the resources available to buy on the Fun Phonics website.

H-a-pp-y learning!

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

Draft Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the draft term dates for the next academic year. Dates will be finalised in the next few weeks

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Aug-23						
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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET