Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

1st October 2018

'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, Children and Governors,

Developing Outdoor Learning

At the end of last year we informed you all of our plans to improve children's health, fitness and well-being through developing our school playground. Since July, we have created an edible playground, which will be a quiet space for children during playtime and also used for class gardening lessons. From last week, children were also given access to our new playground and gym equipment, which will be open to them during play-times and some lessons times. We have also purchased 5 new ovens.

Our school Development Plan priorities for 2018 are as follow:

1. To promote **outdoor learning**, maximise the school space as a learning resource and raise the profile of whole school health, fitness and well-being
2. To further develop an **exciting, broad ad balanced curriculum** which develops children's skills and broadens their knowledge
3. To embed our **Christian Distinctiveness** across all areas of the school
4. To promote and **develop leadership and management** skills and competencies across all areas of the school
5. To fully embed the progress made within our **Early Years**
6. To embed high quality teaching and learning of the **core curriculum**
7. To improve **children's personal development, behaviour and welfare**

ATTENDANCE AND PUNTUALITY

NUR -	99.19%
REC -	96.47 %
Yr 1 -	98.25%
Yr 2 -	97.60%
Yr 3 -	95.63%
Yr 4 -	99.31%
Yr 5 -	95.59%
Yr 6 -	97.24%

WELL DONE

TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

NUR, REC, YR1, YR2, YR4 & YR6

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

Value of the Week

Jesus was HUMBLE and PRAYERFUL; do all things with humility, encouraging one another, comforting each other. Put others before ourselves. Do everything without grumbling. PRAY ALWAYS.

BIBLE VERSE

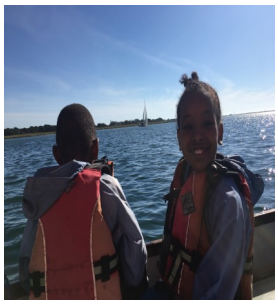
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves

Philippians 2:3

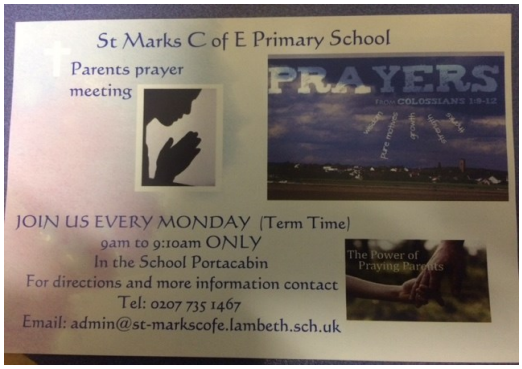
What's been happening at St Mark's ?

ISLAND DAY– Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about Britain as an Island and learned lots of important information during their Jamaica Day and sampled delicious food from the Caribbean.

YEAR 5'S SCHOOL JOURNEY TO CYE—Year 5 had a very memorable overnight stay at CYE Sailing Centre on Monday 18th September. They participated in a number of activities including sailing, rafting, tunnelling and assault courses.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP—our Collective Worship theme this term is 'Qualities of Jesus' and so far we have considered how Jesus was hard working, a leader and humble. We are using this theme as an inspiration for us to imitate his qualities.



Please try to join us for our parents prayer meeting every Monday at 9.00am in Mr Ingram's office.

So much has happened since the last newsletter: After School clubs and Music lessons across the school have all started. Our Year 3/4 football team participated in a mixed football team last Wednesday and did well; Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a boat trip on the Thames; Years 4 and 5 took part in science lessons in St-Martin's in the Field Secondary School; Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have taken part in scooter training; children from Reception to Year 3 enjoyed Tennis coaching from Better Tennis and Reverend Steve came in to teach in KS1.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to collect food again this year for Vauxhall Foodbank, who are working to end hunger. Items can include:

- **Tinned Foods (Tomato, Meat, Soup etc.)**
- **Biscuits**
- **Breakfast Cereals**
- **Butter, Jams**
- **Rice, Spaghetti**
- **Tea Bags**
- **Sugar**
- **Milk (Full-Fat UHT)**

- **Tinned Puddings**
- **Tinned Fruits**

Please bring items in by

Tuesday 2nd October

Parent Staff Association

Meeting Friday 5th October –9.00am

Please come along for our first PSA meeting to vote in new officers, find out how you can support the school and meet other parents

IMPORTANT DATES REMINDERS

2nd October Harvest Festival Service at St Mark's Church 10.30am

3rd October Years 3,4 and 5 involved in STEM workshops

Headteacher of St Gabriel's College is visiting St Mark's from 8.45am to meet any Year 5 and 6 parents who want to speak to him regarding admissions

4th October Year 2 Working with School Gardeners

5th October- Gardening Workshops with KS 2 Children

10th October - Year 5 Air Pollution Assembly

12th October—School Closed for Staff Inset

w/c 15th October - Black History Month Events—details to follow

19th October –Cultural Dress Day International Evening 6-8pm

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 Begins

Monday 29th October at 8.55am

Lateness

We understand that occasionally, due to circumstances outside your control, you may be late to collect children after school, but there are too many children who are regularly and persistently late to be collected. This requires our staff to work beyond their hours. There will now be a change for persistent lateness beginning from this week. Please contact the school office if you are running late .

Time	Action	Charge
3.20pm - 3.25pm	School gates open at the end of the school day	-
3.30pm	School ends . Parents collect children from Reception Class to Year 5 .Year 5 children **aged 10+** and Year 6 children may go home alone with **Consent of the headteacher** . Children aged under 10 need to be **collected by someone aged 14+**	-
3.30 – 3.35pm	After School Clubs - collect children and leave the premises	-
3.40pm	Gates to school playground locked	
3.40pm	Uncollected children taken to office reception area and parents contacted	***£5.00 charge per child each time child collected at or after 3.40pm.***
3.50pm *[20 minutes late]**	Uncollected children remain with a member of the senior leadership team	***£10.00 charge per child each time child collected at or after 3.50pm.***
4.00pm *[30 minutes late]*	The school has the authority to contact Social Services if a child has not been collected and we have been unable to contact the parents. Your child may also be referred to the Education Welfare Officer	***£15.00 charge per child each time child collected at or after 4.00pm.***
4.30pm *[1 HOUR LATE]*	If your child is still at school at **4.30pm**, **THE SCHOOL WILL REFER YOUR CHILD TO SOCIAL SERVICES.** Your child WILL BE REFERRED to the Education Welfare Officer.	***£15.00 charge per child each time child collected at or after 4.00pm.***
Late collection twice in the same week	If you are more than 15 minutes late in collecting your child TWICE in the same week, the late collection fee will also apply.	***£5.00 charge per child if child collected at or after 3.40pm TWICE in one week.***
After School Clubs	Please collect your child ON TIME (normally 4.25pm unless otherwise stated). Children regularly collected late will not be allowed to continue in the after school clubs and a charge will apply for children collected at or after 4.45pm.	***£5.00 charge per child applies for late collection from after school activities.***