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The St Mark's News
29th April 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Our Core Values

Compassion **H**ard Work **A**ccountability **R**espect **T**rust

Our core values are the central pillars of St Mark's making us rich, strong and united as a community. They enable all our students to focus on the important issues of life. We always strive to encourage all children to show compassion; to work hard; to be accountable for their actions; to show respect and develop relationships based on trust.
All members of the school community— teachers, staff, parents and friends of St Mark's play a crucial role in modelling these expectations in supporting both the school and children as they learn these valuable life skills.

Look at the Umpa Lumpas learning how to make chocolate, as part of their topic "From Bean to Bar.

Great to see so many parents present this morning to plan for this year's Summer Fair.

Courses and Training

Please find within this newsletter information on training and courses that will either be run within school or within another Oval Cluster school. Sometimes places are limited, so please respond as soon as possible to secure your place.

Collective Worship Theme:

The Skills to Succeed

Weekly Focus: Positive Communication, listening to others and expressing yourself respectfully

Our collective worship focus has enabled us to think and reflect upon the positive outcomes and negative consequences of our communication. We have explored Bible stories, real life situations and have challenged ourselves to develop these most important life skills.

Bible Verse

A soft answer turns away anger, but grievous words stir up strife.
Proverbs ch 15 v 1

Power to the People!

I was thrilled to walk into the Year 6 classroom yesterday to find the children debating over the London Mayoral elections and British politics. Throughout our curriculum we teach, encourage and provide children with opportunities to justify their points of view and listen respectfully to the viewpoints of others. Year 6 are currently focussing on the topic of politics and democracy.

The Great St. Mark's Bake Off

The mud kitchen is a popular feature in the outdoor area at St Mark's. Children love to bake in this area and create their own special dishes. The children told me that they were making cakes and pancakes!

Twitter

As some of you may have seen, we have a school twitter feed on the school website, through which we share daily news and updates.
If you use twitter, we would like as many of you as possible to follow us. The address is:

@StMarks_Lambeth

Please do inform the office if you do not want your child to appear on the school website, twitter feed or prospectus that will be published later in the Summer Term

Website

We are regularly updating our website and informing you of events and family opportunities that are open to you, your children and your friends. Please look in the community section of the website to get the latest updates.

www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Message to Year 5 Parents

Walhampton Camping Trip

Titus Mills, the headteacher from Walhampton Independent school has recently been in contact to inform us that the date of the over-night camping trip will need to change from Friday 17th – Saturday 18th June to the new date of Friday 24th – Saturday 25th June. We hope that children will still be able to come. More details about the trip will follow soon. If there are any problems or queries, please speak to Mr Ingram

After School Clubs

After School Clubs have got off to a great start, The children are engaging in all of the new term activities. We still have places on offer in the following clubs. If you would like to join in, please register with Miss Bee in the Office.

Mondays—Jewellery Making, Homework Club, Football Club, Street Dance KS1
Tuesdays—DodgeBall, Street Dance KS2,
Wednesday— Book Club, Guitar Club,
Thursday— Netball, MultiSkills,
Friday—Homework Club,

Some of our after school clubs that are running this term

Coderz Club

Cookery Club

Dodge Ball Club

Street Dance

Taekwondo Club

Guitar Club

Lambeth

Ashmole Primary School and Lambeth Family Learning

are running an 8 week course of

Parent Champion Training

at **Ashmole Primary School, Ashmole Street, London, SW8 1NT.**

each **Wednesday**

for 8 weeks, starting **Wednesday 4th May 2016**

Features of this course:

- This is for parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc – adults who look after children in the Oval cluster of schools
- Accredited course – nationally recognised qualification for your CV – Level 1 – Peer Support
- Understand Active Citizenship, Safeguarding and How to be a Peer Supporter
- Learn how to make games which support your child's education
- Get inspired to take action with the Family Learning team and run a parent and carer –led activity for the school at your school's Summer Fair
- Learn how to signpost parents and carers to services which will help them to support their children's education
- Meet other families and make friends
- Have fun and gain many new skills...

Free course with a highly experienced tutor

Session Timing : 1.00pm to 3.15pm

Places are limited! To sign up, please give your name and phone number to reception at Ashmole or phone the school on 020 7735 2419

Lambeth Family Learning courses are funded by Lambeth Adult Learning

KEEN London is a charity offering FREE activity sessions for children with additional needs and their siblings with one to one support.

Our sessions consist of a lot of sports and playground games as well as arts and crafts and music and we also occasionally take trips to go to the zoo, adventure playgrounds, soft play, bowling and more.

Our new session is targeted at children aged 4-14 years old. The aims of the sessions are to have fun, build confidence and develop physically and socially.

New sessions beginning end of April 2016 at Lilian Baylis School, Lambeth

Please contact Nicole for further info: nicole@keenlondon.org/07720677157

Family Events

Canalway Cavalcade 2016

Little Venice, between Blomfield Rd, Warwick Ave & Warwick Cres, W9 2PB / www.waterways.org.uk

Nearest Tube: Warwick Ave

Sat 30th Apr – Mon 2nd May, 10am-6pm (5pm on Mon)

This gathering of picturesque canal boats is a properly English affair, complete with Morris dancers, bands, boat trips, stalls and lots of activities for children. The Canalway Cavalcade has taken place in Little Venice every year since 1983, with around 130 boats moored along the stretch of the Grand Union Canal and decked to the nines!

Exploring Egyptian Mummies - British Museum

FREE (Age 7+)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Sat 30th Apr, 11am-4pmExplore digital techniques used by Museum scientists to uncover the secrets of the ancient Egyptians, and see if you can make your own Museum discovery!