Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

29th March 2019

'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Collective Worship Focus—Hope and Aspiration

A huge thank you to Years 1 and 3 for leading collective worship this week on providing hope in our world and on serving others. They are really key messages that we need to fully take on board. Thank you for all of the parents who have been able to support our collective worship assemblies during the past three weeks.

A change in Personnel

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Miss Winter left last Friday on maternity leave and Mr Ben Clements has replaced her. Also Mrs Tullonge, who has been with us at St Mark's for four years will be leaving at the end of term next week due to a promotion. We thank them both for their tremendous contribution to St Mark's.

Easter Service

Please join us for our **Easter Service** which will be led by Year 4 on Wednesday 26th March 2019 at the Montgomery Hall at **9:25**.

Value of the Week

Providing hope for others

BIBLE VERSE

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.
Psalm 31.24

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 94.52%
Reception— 92.63%
Year 1— 96.8%
Year 2— 97.6%
Year 3— 93.57%
Year 4— 96.67%
Year 5— 97.04%
Year 6— 99.0%

WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:

Years 1,2,4,5 and 6

Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

Mother's Day Breakfast

A poem for mothers

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
To thank The Lord above
For blessing me with a lifetime
Of your tender hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
You've shown me through the years,
For the closeness we've enjoyed
In time of laughter and of tears.

And so I thank you from the heart
For all you've done for me
And I bless The Lord for giving me
The best mother there could be!

There were nearly 100 mothers and children in attendance at our Mother's Day breakfast this morning where a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the staff who were involved in organising and preparing the breakfast and also to the mothers who helped to support the event. We hope to run a Father's Day breakfast in June.

School Uniform and PE Kit

PE Kit - In order to minimise PE kits being forgotten and items of clothing being lost, children can now wear their PE kits to school on their PE days in Years 1-6. PE kit is navy or black jogging bottoms/Navy school shorts, a white T-shirt and a school jumper only.

Eco Day

Last Friday the whole school were involved in a clean up operation on the school grounds and around the building. They also participated in work in the school garden and wrote about eco related activities during their English lessons.

SIAMS RE Inspection

Last week the school had a SIAMs inspection, which looked at how well the school lives out its vision statements conducts Collective Worship, teaches RE and promotes its' Christian ethos across all areas of the school. Many parents, children, staff and governors had meetings and were interviewed by the inspector. Although I can't share the formal outcome until after the Easter holidays, the Inspector mentioned the statements below as part of his feedback he said:

'There's a clear understanding of your vision, which was well articulated by all members of the school community; your vision is lived out; you are an inclusive school; you know your children and community well; you enrich children's lives through your provision and curriculum offer; you are committed to developing the whole child; there is a strong community feel; the behaviour across the school is good; relationships are strong; there are opportunities for all to grow spiritually; there's a strong emphasis across the school on prayer.'

Foodbank

The Waterloo Foodbank would like to give you and your family an Easter food package.

If you are interested, please collect the Foodbank letter from the school office and **bring it with you to the Foodbank between 5th-18th April** to exchange it for a food parcel.

Please note Foodbank will be closed April 19th-22nd inclusive.

The letter is just for use in the Easter holidays.

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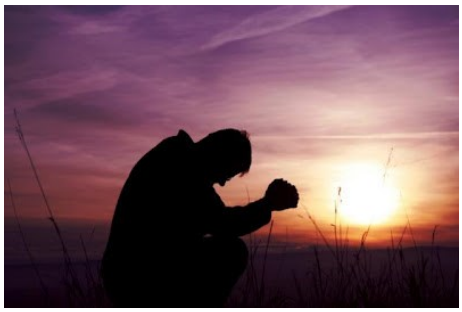

Prayer Meeting

Mondays 9.00-9.15 am

We are very encouraged by the increase in the number of parents who now regularly meet to pray for the needs of the school. Please join us outside Mr Ingram's office at 9.00am.

Easter Events – RE Week

Next week we will be celebrating RE Week, when we will focus more of our attention than usual on developing children's faith and growth as well as the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus.

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

Capoeira performance in the hall from 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

Year 4 Easter performance in the Montgomery Hall across the road and **NOT** the Church.

Year 5 and 6 Strings Concert in the hall from 3.00pm

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL

Year 3 and 4 music concert in the hall from 3.00pm

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL —SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30 PM

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ALL OF THE EVENTS

CLUBS for the SUMMER TERM

Join the wide range of after school clubs running from 29th April 2019 until 12th July 2019. Book early to avoid disappointment

Last day to book Tuesday 23rd April

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

NO CLUBS WILL BE TAKING PLACE NEXT WEEK EXCEPT TAEKWONDO

HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 (draft)

Autumn Term 2019

Start:	**Tuesday 3rd September (pupils return)**
	INSET DAY – Friday 30th August 2019 / Monday 2nd September 2019
Finish:	**Friday 18th October**
Half Term:	**Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October**
Start:	**Monday 28th October**
Finish:	**Friday 20th December**
Christmas Holiday:	**Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020**

Spring Term 2020

Start:	**Tuesday 7th January 2020 (pupils return)**
	INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2020
Finish:	**Friday 14th February**
Half Term:	**Monday 17th February – Friday 21 February**
Start:	**Monday 24th February**
Finish:	**Friday 3rd April**
Easter Break:	**Monday 6th April 2020 – Monday 17th April 2020**

Summer Term 2020

Start:	**Monday 20th April**
	Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday school closed)
Finish:	**Friday 22nd May**
Half Term:	**Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May**
Start:	**Monday 1st June**
Finish:	**Friday 17th July**

BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Wednesday 25 December 2019 (Christmas Day)

Thursday 26 December 2019 (Boxing Day)

Wednesday 1 January 2020 (New Year's Day)

Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)

Monday 13 April 2020 (Easter Monday)

Monday 4 May 2020 (May Day)

Monday 25 May 2020 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Monday 31 August 2020 (Summer Bank Holiday)

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO 5 INSET DAYS YET TO BE CONFIRMED