Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

2nd February 2018

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Ofsted judges schools on how well they promote and contribute to children's personal development, behaviour and welfare. A key focus within this area, is pupils' attendance and punctuality. In 2016-17 this was strong across all areas of the school and in line with national expectations of 96.4%. However things have slipped recently and our attendance across the school has dipped to below 95%. I am aware that there has been a lot of illness, but there are currently a large number of children who have attendance levels of below 90% partly due to other reasons. Such poor levels of attendance is followed up by the local authority and could result in involvement from the education welfare officer and a fine. Please ensure that children are in school everyday and they arrive on time to avoid disrupting the class and missing out on vital learning.

Events for this week

Wednesday 7th Feb	**Maths workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents 9.00am**
Wednesday 7th Feb	**Year 5 and 6 Music Concert for parents 3.00pm**
Thursday 8th Feb	**Year 3 and 4 Music Concert for parents 3.00pm**
Thursday 8th Feb	**Nursery Parents invited to stay and play with their children 8.55am**
Thursday 8th Feb	**Year 6 and 3 out to the Ritzy Cinema and**
	Year 1 out on the Thames Clipper
Friday 9th Feb	**Valentine's Celebration 5.30 –7.30am**

Value of the Week

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RELATIONSHIPS - AVOIDING FRIENDS THAT WILL GET US INTO TROUBLE

BIBLE VERSE

A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers.

Proverbs Ch 20: 19

ATTENDANCE AND PUNTUALITY

NUR -	82.13%
REC -	98.26%
Yr 1 -	96.8%
Yr 2 -	91.48%
Yr 3 -	87.1%
Yr 4 -	91.72
Yr 5 -	96.0%
Yr 6 -	98.0%

WELL DONE

TO THE FOLLOWING CLASSES

RECEPTION

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

OLD ITEMS WANTED FOR THE NURSERY

If you have any old (that is no longer wanted) or if you come across stuff that is thrown out on the street or from friends, things that they may not want like the following items:

· Net curtains, Logs, Long branches, Large pieces of wood, Tree stumps, Wellington boots (if they don't fit your child anymore) we will add them to the nursery stock and they will be used well! (up to size 1), Gardening tools, Seeds and bulbs for planting, Tyres and

anything else that you think could be recycled, would be greatly accepted.

YOUNG VOICES AT ST ANSELMS CHURCH

https://northlambethparish.org/youngvoices/

Young Voices of St Anselm's is a brand new junior choir that's quickly shaping up into a local landmark of talent and quality. It's a choir for children aged 7-13 who want to **be inspired** by the joy of making music, who want to **be challenged** and supported in their musical development, and who want to **be part of something** new and exciting in their local community. If that's you, then we want to have you!

Rehearsals are every Wednesday in school term-time at 4-5pm at St Anselm's Church.

Sports & Arts Booster Grants for Lambeth Young People

Our booster grants help Lambeth young people who are enthusiastic and committed to sports or the arts to participate in activities that take place outside of school hours. Families can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 to fund the cost of lessons, membership fees, equipment, kit, summer schools etc.

In order to apply, the young person must:

- Have lived in Lambeth for at least 12 months
- Be from a low income household
- Be aged 8-18 years old
- Be able to demonstrate commitment to the subject (e.g. minimum 6 months experience in the related sports/arts activity)
- Be taking part in activities outside of school hours (e.g. evenings, weekends, school holidays)

More information about the Sports & Arts Booster Grants scheme as well as the online application form can be found on our website. http://www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/

Please note that funds for this scheme are limited - once spent the scheme will close.

Maths Workshop for Year 1 and 2 Parents

Wednesday 7th February at 9.00am

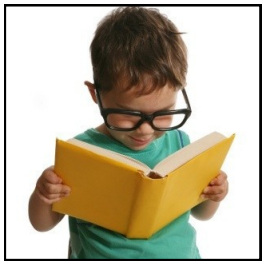
Come along and find out how you can support your child in developing their Math skills during this short, parent workshop.

Free resources will also be provided for you to take away.

Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents

Wednesday 21st February at 9.00am

Come along to this important parent workshop to find out how we teach pupils to read at school and how you can support them at home. We will provide you with ideas and resources to support you in teaching your children to read.



GOD IS

Join

Friends Of St Marks Primary School PTA

in

Fruits of the Spirit, a celebration of Love

Date: 9th February 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm

Get your tickets to enjoy music, entertainment and refreshments

HOPE changes everything .....

Have FAITH In what will be.....

Grow flowers of GRATITUDE in the soil of prayer

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?....

Members of our **School Council** led collective worship encouraging school monitors to take on more responsibility across the school.

On Wednesday Miss Hankins led a maths competition for **all year groups** across the school. Please continue to support children with their mental maths and times tables at home.

Year 6 children are here practising for their Strings concert that will take place next

Wednesday 6th February a 3.00am.

Nursery and **Reception** classes spent a day working with someone was the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds last Friday.

Miss Trott launched a **500 word writing.** Each written entry must be an independent typed story which needs to be submitted to 500words@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

The deadline is 21st February.

Come and join us for prayer every morning at 9.00am

Get your child involve in CYCLE CONFIDENT

Lambeth Council, together with Cycle Confident, are offering FREE cycle skill courses for children in the February half term at Clapham Common and Brockwell Park. There is training for all abilities, from complete beginner courses to on-road courses.

Places are very limited and are now bookable on the Cycle Confident website https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth/ or by calling Cycle Confident on 020 3031 6730.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Brockwell Park Nature Explorers

£2.00 donation (Accompanied children 7-12yrs)

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses, SE24 / 07427 685 714 / www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk

Sat 3rd Feb 10am-noon

Explore the gardens, go on a scavenger hunt and take part in a craft activity.

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Framed Film Club - Barbican Centre

(All ages) £2.50 under 18's £3.50 over 18's

Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS / 020 7638 8891 / www.barbican.org.uk

Nearest tube: Barbican

Sat 3rd Feb

Based on Tove Jansson's beloved Moomin characters, this delightful tales follows our finish favourites as they set off on holiday in France.

Explore Zoology - Grant Museum of Zoology

FREE (All Ages)

Rockefeller Building, University College London, University St, WC1E 6DE / 020 3106 2052 / www.ucl.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: Euston/Goodge Street

Sat 3rd Feb, 1pm-4pm

Ever wondered how heavy an elephant tusk is, how sharp a shark's tooth is or how many scales a pangolin has? Well, bring along your budding zoologists for our family hands-on specimen based activities and be inspired to ask these questions and many more with our enthusiastic museum educators. Come along and be amazed at the natural world. Drop in between There is no need to book.

Digital Workshop Shadow puppets - British Museum

FREE (Ages 5+)

Sunday 4th Feb**,** 11am-12pm &1pm-2pm, 3pm-4pm 44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Great Court – drop in activity

Learn about the ancient tradition of shadow-puppetry in Java and then use tablets to bring your own puppet characters to life through film.

Natural History Museum

FREE (All Ages)

Cromwell Road, SW7 5BD / 020 7942 5000 / www.nhm.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: South Kensington

Sat 3rd Feb, Sun 4th Feb, 11.30am-4.30pm

	DIARY DATES 2018	
Wednesday 31st March 2018— Wednesday 7th February 2018	BOOKFAIR WEEK	3.30pm in the Portacabin Daily.
Thursday 1st February 2018	YR 6 Trip to Tower of London	
Friday 2nd February 2018	YR 5 Trip to Tower of London	
Wednesday 7th February 2018	Maths Workshop for Year 1 and 2 Parents	9.00-9.45 am in the art Room
Wednesday 7th February 2018	Balance Bike Training for Reception	A.M
Wednesday 7th February 2018	Year 5 and 6 Strings concert for parents	3.00pm
Thursday 8th February 2018	YR 6 at Ritzy Cinema for screening of Bessie project	10.30 – 11.30am
Thursday 8th February 2018	Year 3 and 4 Music Concert for Parents	3.00pm
Thursday 8th February 2018	Year 1 Journey on the Thames Clipper	AM
Friday 9th February 2018	**VALENTINES' CELEBRATION DISCO**	**5.30pm - 7.30pm**
Friday 9th February 2018	**Half term**	**End of Term 3**
Monday 19th February 2018	**Beginning of Term 4**	**Beginning of Term 4**
Monday 19th February 2018	Return to school	
Wednesday 21st February 2018	Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents	9.00– 9.45am
Wednesday 21st February 2018	**Parents Evening**	
Thursday 22nd February 2018	**Parents Evening**	
Thursday 22nd February 2018	500 Word Competition entries submitted	
Friday 23rd February 2018	YR 4 Science Workshop at St Martin's in the Field	A.M
Thursday 1st March 2018	**WORLD BOOK DAY**	**Children dress as their favourite Book Characters**
Friday 2nd March 2018	**Official opening of our new school Library**	
Friday March 2nd 2018	YR 5 Science Workshop at St Martin's in the Field	A.M
w/c Monday 26th February 2018	St Mark's Reading and Writing Week	Reading and Writing events all week
Monday 5th March 2018	Walhampton Children to visit St Mark's for two days	Overnight visit- tbc
Monday 12th March 2018	YR 3 Pedestrian training -	8.30am (2 sessions)
Tuesday 20th March	Year 2 and Year 5 involved in the Lambeth Music Festival	
Friday 23rd March 2018	YR 4,5 & 6 Girl's Football Tournament	10 – 2pm Ferndale Leisure Centre
w/c Monday 26th March 2018	**RE WEEK**	
Thursday 29th March 2018	Year 4 Leading the Easter Service at St Mark's Church	9.30 Start
Thursday 29th March 2018	**Last day of Term 4**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**
Monday 16th March 2018	**Return Back to school 8.55am**	**First day Term 5**