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# The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

## 2nd July 2021

'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 and Carers,**

**It has been an extremely busy week with a range of different and exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school. Nearly 40 children across years 3, 4 and 5 have participated in additional English and Maths tuition; Year 3 and 5 children learned about fire safety from the London Fire Brigade; the Science Department from Archbishop Tenison's led an exciting science lesson for our Year 5 children in Sycamore Class; children in Willow Class enjoyed a week long cycling course and over 100 children participated in our Movie Night.**

### Covid Precautions

**If you have been reading or listening to the news recently, you will have heard that Covid 19 cases have increased within schools and a large proportion of children have had to resort to online learning. Up to this week, we have only been required to close one bubble this year, but we were required to close another two bubbles this week. As a school we continue to do all we can to mitigate the risk of the spread of Covid 19 and we ask that you continue to support us by wearing a mask on the school premises and by keeping your distance when you drop off and collect your children. As a precaution we have cancelled a few planned events which would have involved more families coming into the school. Covid symptoms amongst children are often different to the usual three. Public Health England are advising parents to give their children a PCR test whenever they are unwell. Follow https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to obtain a free PCR Covid test.**

### Summer Events

**Please check our school notice board for free or cheap summer events during the summer holidays.**

## Healthy Packed lunches at St Mark's

Thank you parents for sending children to school with healthy packed lunches. Plenty of fruit and veg, water instead of juice and avoid sugary treats please

### VALUE OF THE WEEK

**Living Well together – Staying Safe**

### BIBLE VERSE

**"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ."**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

### Classes

N -Cedar Class — 99.6%

R- Ebony Class— 95.1%

Yr 1-Juniper Class — 94.9%

Yr 2-Oak Class — 91.4%

Yr 3-Olive Class — 92%

Yr 4-Palm Class — 97%

Yr 5-Sycamore Class – 90%

Yr 6 - Willow Class – 98%

### WELL DONE!

To all classes over 96% Especially Cedar ad Willow Class.

### Punctuality

**Please ensure that children are on time for school as too many are arriving late**

# School Events & Activities

It was great to see so many of our children in attendance at Movie Night this week. The PSA raised an amazing £400 A very big thank you for all of the staff and parents who helped out and made this event possible. If your child missed out, we will be able to do it again next year.

Year 6 Willow Class have been busy this week learning new cycling skills and getting ready for their end of year performance, which is going to be online and recorded for those who will not be able to attend. More information to come.

**Hoodies to School ???**

Many of our Year 6 children have purchased a leavers' hoody as a memory of their time at St Mark's. We are allowing children to wear them to school for the next three weeks. Make sure they are clearly labelled

# School Events & Activities

Portuguese speakers in **Years 5 & 6** participated in an online event in Portuguese by Somos, a Lambeth initiative. A number of individuals spoke to the children to inspire and encourage them to go to university.

Science teachers from Archbishop Tenison's School came to the school and did some science experiments with the children.

**Years 2 & 5** received remote training from the Fire Brigade.

Well done Destiny

## Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day

Although we were not in Kennington Park being cheered on by hundreds of people, children in Key Stage 1 and 2 had great fun participating in their sports day in the school playground. Coach Emmanuel prepared some exciting activities which each class took part in. The weather was nice and we had a great time.

# After school clubs

Some pictures of the different fantastic clubs running at St Mark's :

Art, Crafts, Taekwondo and Cooking. If your child missed out this term, make sure you book early in the Autumn Term to avoid dis-appointment .

# St Mark's Termly Dates

| Term 6 Dates for 2020/21 | | |
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| **Date** | **Event** | **Details** |
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| **Monday 28th June 2021** | Bikeability YR6 | All week |
| **Monday 28th June 2021** | Art tutor from Van Gogh House working with children across the school | All day. Children will produce work to create a new outdoor mural |
| **w/c June 28th June 2021** | Whole school fundraising event | MOVIE NIGHT |
| **Monday 5th July 2021** | Reception Stay & Play– CANCELLED | New families 9.15-10.15 |
| **Monday 5th July 2021** | Art tutor from Van Gogh House working with children in Palm Class | All day. Working with children across the school. |
| **Monday 5th July 2021** | Year 5 School Journey and secondary school meeting | 4.30 on Zoom |
| **Tuesday 6th July 2021** | Nursery Stay & Play– CANCELLED | New families 9.15-10.15 |
| **Tuesday 6th July 2021** | Church Service at St Mark's | 9.20am Year 6 ONLY |
| **Wednesday 7th July 2021** | Nursery setting CALLS | New parents All day |
| **Thursday 8th July 2021** | Reception Setting CALLS | New parents All day |
| **Friday 9th July 2021** | Year 4 visiting St Mark's Church | 10am |
| **Friday 9th July 2021** | Year 6 involved in a transition day with Into University | All day |
| **Sunday 11th July 2021** | **Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mark's Church** | **10 am YEAR 6 FAMILIES** |
| **Tuesday 13th July 2021** | Early Years Sports Day | 10:30 – 11:45am . Further details to be shared |
| **Wednesday 14th July 2021** | Virtual Award Ceremony on Google Meet | 9:30 am |
| **Friday 16th July 2021** | Year 6 Performance | 6 – 7pm. Year 6 families only |
| **Monday 19th July 2021** | Art tutor from Van Gogh House working with children in Palm Class | All day. Children will produce work to create a new outdoor mural around the theme of trees |
| **Wednesday 21st July 2021** | Showcase Afternoon & Reports | 3.30-4.00pm |
| **Thursday 22nd July 2021** | **Last day of term**<br>**Non-School Uniform Day** | **School finishes at 1.30pm**<br>**Children pay £1** |

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# EarlyBird+ Programme

## Information Session

Please come along to our virtual information session and find about the EarlyBird+ Programme for parents/carers of children between the age of 4-9 years old. This information session can also be attended by professionals.

## Wednesday 14th July

## 12:00pm – 12:30pm

**The session will be held remotely, so you will need to have access to a computer/tablet/phone to access the session.**

If you are interested in attending email Noel Gardner on ngardner@Lambeth.gov.uk and details of the session will be emailed to you.

This session will provide you with in-depth knowledge of the EarlyBird+ programme and how to apply.
Please note, it is mandatory for you to attend this session if you would like to express an interest in completing the EarlyBird+ programme.

If you have any questions please contact us on ngardner@Lambeth.gov.uk.

## We look forward to seeing you there!

# A great opportunity for a free summer holiday scheme for children at Vauxhall City Farm

I hope you're well. I've been getting a few enquiries about our Summer Club offering. This year the Education Team have decided to weave in some Literacy into the mix and have Vauxhall City Farm's **Literary Summer of Fun.**

There will be heaps of activities to take part in all based around some classic children's books, such as: **Charlotte's Web, Wind in the Willows, Peter Rabbit** and more. As usual, there'll be plenty of farm work to be done too.

The club is **FREE** and is primarily open to residents of Lambeth and for those on free school meals. However, this isn't essential but rather preferable.

Our Literary Summer of Fun will run on weekdays from **10:30am to 2pm,** from the **26th July 2021** to the **6th August 2021.**

As a valued supporter of the farm, I thought I'd send you this note, as the **registration opens tomorrow** (29th June 2021) at 8:30am. The link is below, but won't be active until the time listed above:
https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/summer-club/

As usual, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me an email, text or call. I once again look forward to welcoming your child(ren) onto the farm for some more holiday activities.

Kind,
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