Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
30th June 2017

'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, Governors and Children,

Another inspirational fortnight has gone by, which has seen children across the school fully engaged in a range of meaningful and memorable learning experiences. For the past three months, children in **Year 5** have been involved in rehearsing for an opera performance with other local schools, showcasing the life of 'Bessie Coleman' the first African American woman to gain a pilot's licence. Last Thursday and Friday the children were involved in three performances to audiences of up to 200 people and the shows were truly amazing! Well done to all of the children involved and thank you to all staff and parents who supported the project, particularly **Ms James, the Year 5 Teacher.**

Year 6 had an amazing time on their three day/two night school journey at Rock UK. They have taken part in high ropes, low ropes, team development tasks, hikes, BMX biking and other activities.

Value of the Week

Moving on in the journey ahead

Bible Verse:

My God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus :

Philippians 4:19

It is great to come into collective worship accompanied by live music, thanks to our school recorder group.

What Has Been Happening at St Mark's?

Another action packed fortnight at St Mark's!

Year 3 Had a fantastic opportunity to complete the process of growing wheat. In the Autumn term they planted the seeds, during the spring term they took care of it and then finally last week, they cut it down and took it to Brixton Windmill, where it was milled into flour. They are now going to use this flour to make pizza bases.

Reception Class made sure that they didn't get left out and enjoyed planting runner beans with the school gardeners

A big well done to the **Year 4,5 and 6** Athletics Team who achieved 5th place from 9 local primary schools. Medals were won along the way and it was a good experience for all. Well done to all those that took part.

Across the week we run a number of lunchtime clubs for children to participate in. **Year 4 and Year 6** children have taken a particular interest in 'Mancala' otherwise known as 'African Chess'

Children in **Year 1** developing their strength during their gymnastics lesson

Year 6 children were involved in a 'Cycle Confidence' week, in which they developed their cycling skills and practised on the roads. This provides excellent preparation for them as they may be cycling to school next year when they are in secondary school.

ST MARK'S SUMMER FAIR 8th July 2017, 1-4pm

Not long left now! Many thanks for all of your contributions. We still need more uniform and jam jars please. Please speak to a PSA member if you are able to volunteer on the day.

Please also bring in donations of cakes, games, jam jars and other items that we can sell to raise money for the school.

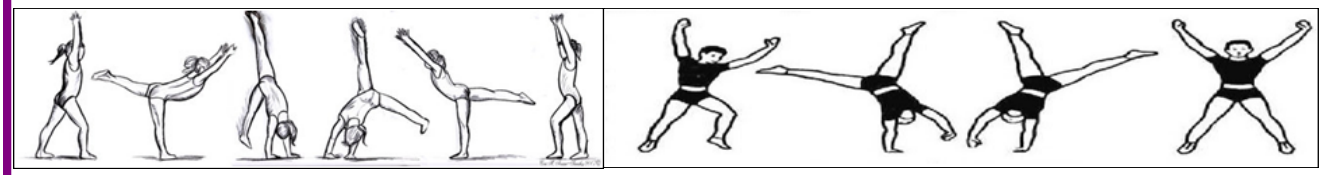
Term 6 Important Dates

We do hope that you will be able to join us for many of the dates that we have planned for the rest of the term. Please note that our showcase event is now on

Wednesday 12th July from 3.30– 4.45pm

Monday 3rd July 2017	**Year 4 Into University Workshop**	**9.30am -11.00am**
Tuesday 4th July 2017	**YR5 & YR6 Cricket League**	Kennington Park 3.45pm—5pm
Friday 7th July 2017	**Year 6 Leavers Service**	Southwark Cathedral 10.30am
Saturday 8th July 2017	**School Summer Fair**	1-pm—4pm
Sunday 9th July 2017	**YR 6 Leaver's Service St Mark's Church**	10.00am
Monday 10th July 2017	**St Mark's V Crampton Chess Tournament**	9.30am—11.00am
Tuesday 11th July 2017	**SCHOOL SPORTS DAY YR5 & YR6 Cricket League, Kennington Park**	9.30am - 12.00pm 3.45pm - 5pm
Wednesday 12th July 2017	**Parents Showcase Evening and reports**	**3.30pm**
Friday 14th July	**Year 6 End of Year Production**	6.00pm
Tuesday 18th July 2017	**Awards Ceremony School hall**	9.30am
Thursday 20th 2017	**Year 6 leaving party**	6-8pm
Friday 21st July 2017	**End of Term 6**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**
Friday 1st September 2017	**Inset**	**School closed for Students**
Monday 4th September 2017	**Inset**	**School closed for Students**
Tuesday 5th September 2017	**TERM 1 BEGINS**	**School starts 8.55am**

Next Step Gymnastics Club



Girls and Boys 5+

A NEW and EXCITING Gym Club

at

St Mark's Primary School

Harleyford Road SE11 5SL

Club Training Sessions Saturdays

11am – 12pm

12pm – 1pm

1 pm – 2pm

TASTER' SESSIONS £5.00 per hour

SATURDAY 1st July & 15th July 2017

Please ring Gillian to book a place on 07949014232

Places are limited

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Garden Party – Regent Street

FREE (All Ages)

Regent Street, W1B 5AH / www.regentstreetonline.com

Nearest tube: Oxford Circus / Piccadilly Circus

Sun 2nd July, all day

Every Sunday in July Regent Street will be pedestrianized for a street party, with the festivities taking on a different theme each week. July 2nd will see the tarmac transformed into lawn for a garden party, featuring live jazz, ice sculptures, face painting and a marquee full of butterflies and bees.

Community Music - Jubilee Park

FREE (All ages)

Canary Wharf, E14 5AB / www.canarywharf.com

Nearest Tube: Canary Wharf

Sat 1st July, 2.00pm, all day

Magna Vitae's SO Festival comes to Jubilee Park – a day of live outdoor music in the bandstand and children's entertainers, to suit all ages and tastes. Picnics are welcome space is unreserved but limited.

The Little Draw - Wallace Collection

FREE (Ages 5+)

Hertford Hse, Manchester Sq, W1U 3BN/ 020 7653 9500 / www.wallacecollection.org

Nearest Tube: Bond St

Sun 2nd July, 1.30pm-4.30pm

A workshop for all the family to explore decorative and structural details that can be found on objects throughout the Collection, with drawings that can be transformed into 3D.

Eid Festival 2017

FREE (All ages)

Sun 2nd July, 12 – 6pm

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN,

Nearest station/tube: Charing Cross

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Eid at Trafalgar Square.

Now in its 12th year, the festival will celebrate and host a variety of special activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Highlights include a food festival where you can sample a host of delicious cuisines from across the world. You can also enjoy live music and exclusive performances during the day.

Other highlights include a catwalk show featuring designers from around the world showcasing traditional and modern outfits. Plus, there will also be a range of fun activities for children to try like face-painting, henna, calligraphy and story-telling.

Eid Festival is a Mayor of London event to mark the end of Ramadan.