Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

30th September 2022

'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.'

Thank you to those who were able to meet your child's class teacher during our meet the teacher meetings this month. On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October, there will be a further opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into their new class this term.

Safe Parking

Please help to keep our children safe by parking safely, driving slowly around school and not stopping on the yellow zig zag lines

Secondary Transfer for Year 5 and 6 Parents

On 15th September, A number of Year 5 and 6 parents attended a secondary transfer meeting to find out information about the secondary school transfer process. Staff from seven local secondary schools were present to share information about their respective schools. Details and Open Day dates are on the noticeboard in the playground.

Remember that the deadline for submissions is 31st October 2022

ATTENDANCE NEWS

N - 80.54%

R - 93.7%

1 - 98.35%

2 - 100%

3 - 98.08%

4 - 92.89%

5 - 96.44%

6 - 95.65%

Whole school- 95.14%

Attendance and Punctuality

Do you all remember our challenge?

Well, we nearly reached our school target of 96% by the end of the month. We achieved 95.14% which is a good start!

This week, we had **13 late** arrivals before the register closed. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels. Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance.

Thank you. Mrs Natasha

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect

BIBLE VERSE

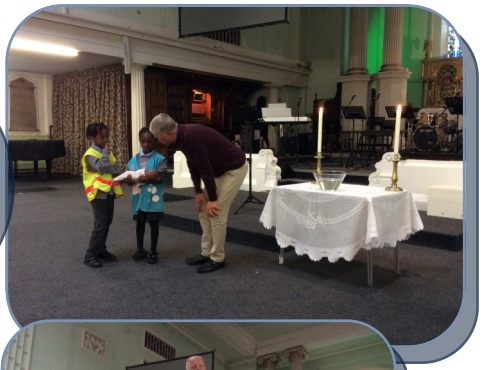
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

A successful coffee morning was held on Monday 26th September 2022 by Mrs Natasha and Miss Winter. Thank you for attending and for your positive contributions We plan to hold a number of others across the year, some with a focus and some just as an opportunity to get to know other parents across the school.

What's been happening at St Mark's?

Oak Class trip to St Mark's Church to learn about Baptism on Thursday 22nd September, led by our vicar Reverend Steve



Olive Class trip to the Natural History Museum 21st September

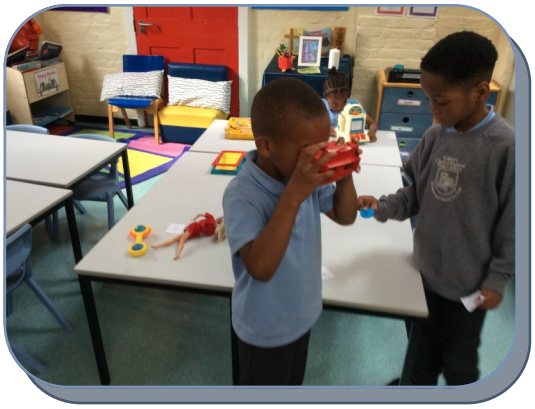
As part of their topic on rocks, fossils and volcanos. They did a dinosaur dig workshop where they became palaeontologists for the afternoon and discovered dinosaur skulls!

What's been happening at St Mark's?

Sycamore Class School Journey to Christian Youth Enterprises

On Monday 12th September, children in Year 5 went on an overnight school journey to a sailing centre in Chichester. They participated in tunnelling, kayaking and sailing

Juniper Class— Museum Day: Toys from the past to present



WELCOME BACK AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

We are delighted to see so many children enjoying the variety of enrichment clubs at St Mark's: Arts and Craft, Cooking, Taekwondo, Homework, Dodgeball, Tennis, Chess etc.

This term we have had a high demand of bookings. Despite our desire to help as much as we would like to, **Clubs are now full**.

You can contact St Anne's Community Centre or Homework Club as alternative after school care provision.

TIPS FOR NEXT TERM BOOKINGS:

⇒ Make sure you have your ParentPay account activated and know how use it.

⇒ Book as soon as possible to secure a place for your child. No guaranteed spaces for late bookings.

⇒ Make sure your bookings do not overlap with other activities and your child/ children want to attend the clubs chosen; refunds are only under exceptional circumstances

⇒ For any suggestions or queries regarding After School Clubs, please send an email to **bgarcia@st-marksofe.lambeth.sch.uk .**

Events and Notices

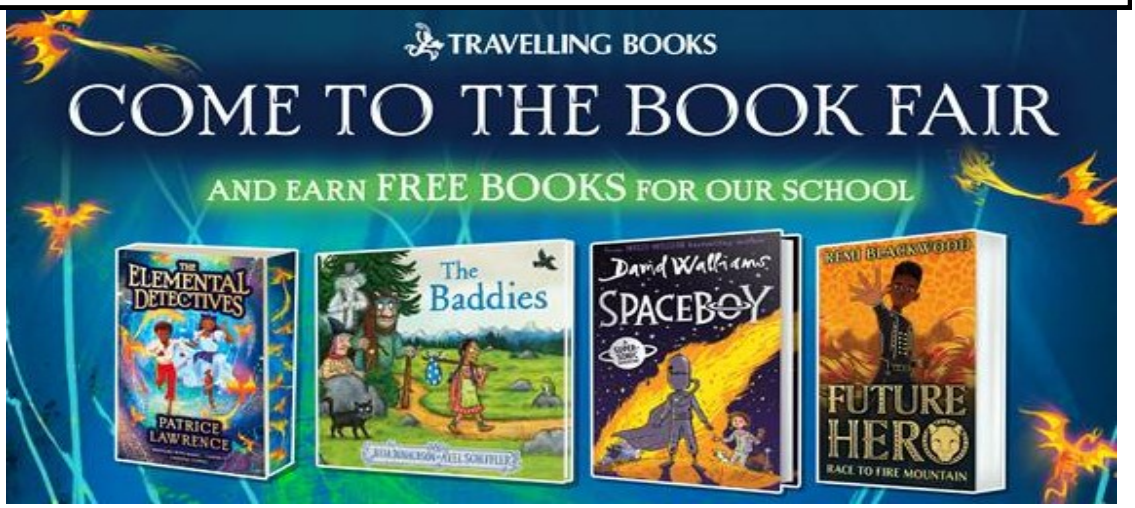
Travelling Book Fair

From Thursday 6th October to Wednesday 12th October.

From 3.20 to 3.40 pm every day

In the Portacabin

Cash payments



FOR YOUR DIARIES

We will have

PARENT'S EVENING on,

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

&

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

More details to come

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn 2022/23 - Term 1		
Date	**Event**	**Details**
27th September 2022	Harvest Festival Week	Collection of food to donate to local food banks
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Coffee and Cake Welcome Morning	Led by Tash and Annie 9-10am
Wednesday 28th September	Action Tutoring resumes for children in Year 6 Willow Class	
Friday 30th September 2022	PSHE parent workshop Led by Mrs Eade	Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 welcome at 9:00am
Friday 30th September 2022	Year 2 Oak Class out to the Museum of London	Visiting Galleries linked to the Great Fire of London
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Class Gardening begins with Bill and Steve	Groups from across the school
Wednesday 5th October 2022	1-1 Tuition for Year 6 begins	8:30 – 9:30
Thursday 6th October – Wednesday 12th October	Book Fair	In Portacabin from 3:20 – 3:40 daily
Monday w/c 10th October 2022	Year 6 involved in Into University	
Wednesday 12th October 2022	Parents' Evening	Further details to follow
Thursday 13th October 2022	Parents Evening	Further details to follow
Friday 14th October 2022	Parent and Staff Football—after drop off	Back by popular demand!
Friday 21st October 2022	Culture Day Children to wear cultural clothing or the national flag colours.	
w/c 24th -28th Oct 2022	Half Term	
31st October 2022	Term 2 Begins	

School Days

Breakfast club
8.00 am to 8.50 am

After School clubs
3.30 pm to 4.25 pm

School Starts / End:

School gates open: 8:45 am

EYFS & KS1: 8:55am - 3:20pm (Monday to Friday) KS 1 Parents are to remain with children until the bell sounds

Health & Safety requirement:

When dropping off and collecting your child, please do not stop at any time by the entrance gates, keep moving, as it is blocking the way to others and it is against H&S, which we all have to adhere to.

Absences & Sickness:

If your child is unwell, please notify the school via phone or email and state the reason for the child's absence.

KS2 : 8:55 - 3:25 pm (Monday to Friday) Please be on time!

St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for September 2022 or to find out more about the school, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school.

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

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