Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

3rd July 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,

An outstanding Curriculum

You only need to read through this newsletter to see that St Mark's Primary School offers an outstanding curriculum, which provides children with inspirational, memorable learning experiences. Our staff are fully committed to arranging and organising exciting learning opportunities for pupils across the school. Thank you for all who have supported us this year by volunteering to come along on trips. Also, please note that all school trips and visits are either free, or if some payment is required, the school has already made a financial contribution in order to reduce the cost of the trip.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are pleased that our attendance and punctuality data has improved since we last shared the overall attendance figures with you. From September 2017 to March 2018 our whole school attendance was 94.9% and it is now 95.6%. However our target is 96.5%, so we are still a little way off. Please continue to send your children to school regularly and on time.

Effective Communication with your Child

It was pleasing to see so many parents in attendance at the parent workshop last Thursday with **Angela Giuliani**. As the feedback was so positive, she has agreed to hold further workshops for parents over the next few months.

We are pleased that she will be working across the school on a fortnightly basis to support children.

Thank you to our PSA

Thanks to the work of our PSA- Friends of St Mark's and the fundraising efforts of the whole school, we have been able to purchase a school stage and a portable sound system.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Moving on in the journey ahead– travelling safely and responsibly.

BIBLE VERSE

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me.

Psalms 23 :4

Overall whole school figure—95.68%

Attendance Percentages this week: 95.68%

Reception–95.76% Year 1—95.99%

Year 2 - 95.35% Year 3—93.61%,

Year 4—94.62% Year 5—97.51%

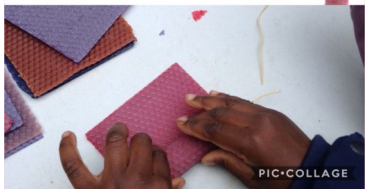
Year 6—96.97%

What's been happening at St Mark's?...

Early Years

The **Nursery** Children took a historical trip to the **National History Museum** and explorers for the day. Equipped with hats and binoculars, they checked out all of the fossils, dinosaurs and animals. They found two dinosaurs fighting each other in the cafe - they were very bad!!

A few week's ago, Reception Class took a local visit to **Bee Urban** in Kennington Park where they were introduced to the bee keeper Barnaby. He explained to the class how hard Bees work and how they help us. The children had a close look at the beehives and even had a taste of the different types of honey. They all had a great day, full of fun and they were well bee-haved!



TRIP TO BRIGHTON BEACH

Year 1 and **Year 2,** went on an exciting train ride all the way to Brighton Beach. The weather was sunny and hot enough for the children to take a little paddle in the sea. It was the perfect day to walk and collect shells and pebbles, and of course the day ended with a well deserved Ice-Cream.

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who helped to supervise this trip.

Musictrax Concerts with Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

It has been a musical week for the children in **years 3, 4, 5 and 6** performing music concerts throughout the week, **Year 3** and **Year 4** played a percussion and vocal piece directed by our tutors from the Lambeth Music Service and **Year 5** and **6** performed a music piece in a string orchestra, showing their talents of reading music and playing together as an orchestra. On Monday 2nd July, some children were given the opportunity to perform with other local schools at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at the South Bank Centre.

Year 5 overnight visit to Walhampton

The Children in year 5 enjoyed a fantastic overnight stay at Walhampton Prep school in Hampshire last Thursday and Friday. The grounds of the school are amazing and children had free access to them during their stay. The children and staff of Walhampton made us feel very welcome and we look forward to many more visits to the school in the years to come.

Year 6 visit to Southwark Cathedral & Cycle Confidence

Year 6, attended a leaver's service at Southwark Cathedral to mark the end of their time at St Mark's. During the service, the children gave thanks to God for their time at primary school and prayed for help & blessings as they move on to secondary school.

Most of Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a week long cycling course run by the charity Bikability. The children developed their proficiency in cycling across the week and some even put their new skills into practise whilst being super-vised out on the roads.

ST MARK'S

SUMMER FAIR

SAT 7th July 1pm-5pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The Summer Fair is very soon and we need your help to put the final touches together. We are in need of **Raffles Prizes e.g. Chocolates, Gifts, Teddies** for our **Tombola and we need Jam Jars filled** with **Delicious sweets or gifts**.

URGENTLY WANTED ITEMS

- **Teddies, do you have any teddies in good condition that you would like to give a new home?**
- **Unwanted Children's Books, in good condition**
- **Unwanted gifts that will make lovely raffle prizes**

If you can donate any of the above, please drop off in the school hall before or after school. All donations need to be received before

THURSDAY 5th JULY

Volunteers Needed

Can you help on the day?

We would like volunteers to help to run stalls

Term 6 Dates for 2017/18

Wednesday 4th July	Early Years Welcome meeting	A meeting for our new Nursery and Reception Parents for September 2018 9.30am
Thursday 5th July	School Gardeners are in to work with Year 1	pm
Saturday 7th July 2018	Summer Fair	1-5pm
Monday 9th July 2018 –Wed 11th	Yr6 School Journey	Mon/Weds
Tuesday 10th July 2018	Church Service at St Mark's Church for the whole school	Arrive for 9.30
Wed 11th July 2018	Box Clever Theatre Company performing for Years 1 and 2	Road Safety theme Followed by workshops
Wednesday 11th July 2018	Stay and play for new Nursery and Reception children	
Thursday 12th July 2018	Reception and Year 4 Working with the school gardeners	
Thursday 12th July 2018	Early Years Sports Day from 11.00am followed by lunch in the Early Years	Early Years parents and fiend welcome to remain for lunch
Friday 13th July 2018	Year 6 out to see theatre production	pm
Friday 13th July 2018	Award Ceremony	9.30am Parents of award winners invited
Sunday 15th July 2018	Leaver's service at St Mark's Church 10.00am	
Monday 16th July 2018	Sports Day Kennington Park	From 9.30am
Wednesday 18th July 2018	Showcase Evening A chance to collect your child's report and celebrate their work	3.30-4.45pm
Thursday 19th July 2018	YR6 End of year production (all invited)	6-7.30pm
Friday 20th July 2018	Last day of term	School finishes at 1.30pm