Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
3rd March 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,

Yesterday's World Book Day parade was a little snap-shot of all that is fantastic about St Mark's! It was fun, vibrant, colourful and inspired learning. Nearly 50 parents were present at short notice, staff from all members of the school joined in the fun and children were at the centre of the focus.

I am very conscious of the school's areas of development but the governors and I are ambitiously striving to achieve outstanding outcomes across all areas of the school.

Safety Update

A number of parents raised the issue of cyclists not stopping at the traffic lights near the school and posing a threat to our children crossing the road. I am pleased to inform you that the transport police have recently been patrolling the area and issuing tickets and fines to cyclists who don't stop at the traffic lights.

Supervision of Children in KS1

Can I remind all parents that children from Reception to Year 2 need to be supervised by an adult before the beginning of the school day, up to 8.55am and should not be left in the playground unsupervised.

Secondary School Places for September 2017

I am very pleased that over 80% of children currently in Year 6 achieved either their first or second choice of secondary school. Among the most popular choices were **La Retraite, Pimlico, Oasis Academy, Westminster** and **Tenison's.** Children in Year 6 are currently fully focused on preparing for their SATs tests in May and getting themselves prepared to start secondary. If your child is still awaiting confirmation for a secondary school place, please speak to Mr Ingram.

Value of the Week:

SELF—CONTROL

Bible Verse:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

Nursery September 2017

We are working hard to be able to offer free full time Nursery places for children aged over 3 years-from **September 2017**. If you or anyone that you know is interested in a free, full time place, please contact the school office on: **0207 7351467** or email on: **admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk**

School Spaces in Reception and Year 1

Our school roll has significantly increased during the past year and we now have waiting lists for many of our year groups. However, we still have spaces in **Year 1** and **Reception classes**.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a space in these year groups, please direct them to the school or give them one of the school application forms to complete.

Inspirational Learning

We strive to provide children with a school curriculum that brings learning to life and gives them rich, memorable learning experiences. During the past two weeks alone, children have: visited the library, worked with the RSPB, the school gardeners and the school nurse, participated in a range of activities related to Book Week and conducted visits around the local area.

Caroline, the manager of **Durning Library**, showing off the library's brand new books.

Year 5 children talking to Caroline about their plans for World Book Day.

Children in **Year 2** working with the school garden, planting lettuce and spinach seeds in the school pizza garden.

Year 5 working with the school gardeners.

Year 1 on their way to Durning Library to borrow new library books.

Year 1 children involved in outdoor learning during a science lesson led by the RSPB.

Inspirational Learning cont...

Children in Years 2 and 5 are practising for the Lambeth Music Festival which will be held at the Royal Festival Hall on 21st March, whilst Year 4 children are busy practising for their Easter production on 29th March. We manage to do all this whilst ensuring high academic standards are maintained across all areas of the curriculum, especially reading, writing and maths.

Teams across the school taking part in the school Spelling Bee. Well done to **Year 3 and Year 4**

Members of our school council showing around our visitors from Walhampton Prep School.

Reverend Steven treating children to his special pancakes during his Collective Worship Assembly .

Children in **Year 6** reading together with children in **Year 3**

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Food For All

On **Monday, Wednesdays** and **Fridays** from **6pm - 7pm** we will be holding a free food market on our premises at

12-20 Wyvil Road, Vauxhall, SW8 2TG.

There will be hot food, bread, cakes, fruits & vegetables. If you could advertise this within your community networks to help us reach those in need then this would be much appreciated. There is no criteria, everyone is welcome, no forms to fill in etc. Just turn up and take what you need.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR MARCH 2017

Weds 8th March

Reception Community Nurse: Healthy Eating YR1 9.15

Netball Tournament Yrs 5 & 6 11.30 – 2.30

YR6 CW at 9.05

Thurs 9th March

Reception class visiting Durning Library 10.00

Monday 13th March

YR 3 & 4 Tennis league at Vauxhall 3.30-4.30

YR 3 at the British Museum all day

Wednesday 15th March

YR1 Collective Worship 9.05—parents welcome

YR1 Phonics workshop for parents 9.30 – 9.55

Reception Community Nurse: Dental hygiene 9.15

Monday 20th March

YR 3 & 4 Tennis league at Vauxhall 3.30-4.30

Tuesday 21st March

Lambeth Music Festival Infants 1.30-2.30 Juniors 5.30-6.30

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

YR5 working with school gardener

YR1 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

Monday 27th March

RE Wonder Week

School music concert for Parents 2.45pm in the school hall

Tuesday 28th March

YR2 working with school gardeners

Trefor Lloyd Workshop Parent workshop—Motivating Boys

Friday 31st March

Last day of term school finishes @ 1.30pm.