Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

3rd May 2019

'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

It is the second week after the Easter holidays and children have returned full of energy and ready for the summer term. Attendance across the school has been good, which ensures children don't miss out on important learning opportunities.

Year 6 SAts

From Monday 13th May 2019, our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests. They have worked exceptionally hard for these and we thank them and their families for the effort they have put in during the past year in preparation.

Outcome of the RE Inspection

Before the Easter holidays, the school received an inspection for its Christian Distinctiveness. We were recognised as good and the Director of Education's summary letter is attached for you all to see. Thank you all for helping St Mark's to have such a strong, positive Christian ethos and culture.

Parent Leadership

We welcome Stephen the father of Trojit and Jidkat in EYFS to the school's governing body as a parent governor.

Please note school dates for the summer Term within the newsletter

Value of the Week

Dignity and Respect

BIBLE VERSE

"Treat everyone with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government."

1 Peter 2:17

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 87.42%
Reception— 94.74%
Year 1— 100%
Year 2— 96.0%
Year 3— 95.71%
Year 4— 98.67%
Year 5— 98.52%
Year 6— 97.33%

WELL DONE!

To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:
Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6
Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

PE Kit and School Uniform

Remember that children need a full PE kit for PE- plain blue or black track-suit bottoms or blue shorts + trainers. Also remember that children need to wear school shoes and not black trainers for school at all other times

Playground Supervision

Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to be supervised by an adult during the mornings before the start of the school day

Mobile Phones and devices

If any children have phones, please can parents monitor their use, as there have been instances of late night usage and inappropriate messaging

Parking outside the school

Please do not park on the zig-zag lines or the yellow lines outside the school. These lines are there to help our children cross the road safely and parking there puts them at risk.
A traffic warden informed me that he will allow parents to park in the parking bays for a short period before and after school but he would begin to issue parking tickets to vehicles on the yellow lines as it creates traffic congestion. Please also note that the car park is not available for parent parking. Thank you, Mr Ingram.

Parental Involvement

The school PSA are in the process of planning for the school's Summer Fair, which will take place on Saturday 29th June 2019. We would like the support and involvement of the whole school community. Look out for ways in which you can help. More details will be shared soon.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Canalway Cavalcade 2019

Sat 4th May – Mon 6th May, 10am-6pm (5pm on Mon) **FREE**

Little Venice, between Blomfield Rd, Warwick Ave & Warwick Cres, W9 2PB / www.waterways.org.uk
Nearest Tube: Warwick Ave

Join us over the early May Bank Holiday weekend with activities for all the family – includes a boaters' gathering, a pageant of boats, live music, kids' activities, competitions, Morris Dancers & a wide variety of snacks and food.

Barbican Centre Conservatory

Sun 5th & Mon 6th May12.00 noon – 5.00pm (last entry 4.30pm) FREE www.barbican.org.uk
Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2Y 8DS, 020 7638 8891 / nearest tube: Barbican

Enjoy a lazy Sunday - visit the second biggest Conservatory in London and explore our hidden tropical oasis in the heart of the city. Home to exotic fish and over 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees, a visit to our Conservatory is a perfect way to enjoy with friends and family. The Conservatory is open on selected Sundays each month and Bank Holidays.

The Modern Movement: Brockwell Lido

Sat 4th & Sun 5th May, 10am – 4.30pm

Brockwell Lido – Dulwich Rd SE24 0PA / 07958673703 **FREE**
www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/brockwell-lido/your-centre/lido/

On the 4th & 5th May 2019, Brockwell Lido hosts The Modern Movement, a festival of 20th century design!
Back again this year, The Modern Movement, south London's prestigious, free festival celebrating 20th century design, is taking place on 4th May & 5th May at Brockwell Lido, Herne Hill, London from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

V & A Museum of Childhood – Exhibition & workshops

Open daily 10.00am - 5.45pm FREE - Drop in for all ages

Cambridge Heath Rd, E2 9PA www.vam.ac.uk / Nearest tube: Bethnal Green / www.vam.ac.uk

Exhibition (every day): Place (Village). Artist, Rachel Whiteread's celebrated artwork features around 150 vintage Dolls' houses, all lit from within and in a variety of architectural styles, averaging around one metre high.

Saturday 4th May – Open Play for under 5's 10.45-11.30 & 12.00-12.45pm. Touch, move and explore – an open-ended play session in a bespoke environment created by artist Albert Potrony. Free but booking essential at

Saturday 4th May Art & Crafts- drop in for all ages 2.00 – 4.00pm - Get creative with our drop-in sessions, and make a piece of art inspired by the Museum's collection to take home

Sunday 5th May Animal Magic10.30am (18 mnths – 5yrs) Interavtive storytelling inspired by well-loved animal tales.
Sunday 5th May - **Play at the Museum** -11.30-12.45pm - Come and play with toys you can find on display at these themed sessions highlighting areas of the Collection.

Sunday 5th May Telling Tales 2.00pm - Listen to storytelling featuring popular children's tales in this interactive session

Sunday 5th May - Arts & Crafts - 2.40 – 4.00pm – Drop in for all ages

Natural History Museum – Investigate science for families

Sat 4th, Sun 5th & Monday 6th May 10.30am– 5pm / **FREE –** Drop in (Green Zone, lower ground floor)

Investigate Centre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, SW7 5DB, www.nhm.ac.uk / Tube: South Kensington

Get a feel for how scientists work by having a go yourself. Come and explore hundreds of real nature specimens that form the evidence Museum scientists use in their work. Science Educators are on hand to help you look closely at real objects using the many tools provided. Bring your own questions, or use some of ours in this hands-on science space.

Pump House Gallery – Thank you Driver!

Sun 5th May, 11am -4pm FREE (Drop in event for all ages) / *Children must be accompanied by an adult*
Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ / 020 8871 7572 / www.pumphousegallery.org.uk Bus: 137

Drop into the gallery on Sunday 5 May to listen to a sound installation called 'Thank You Driver!' by artists **Jules Sprake** and **Charis Poon** that brings the voices and sounds of the **P5 bus** into Pump House Gallery - includes recorded conversations, announcements & journey soundscapes!

Angela Nelson, South Lambeth Schools Partnership. nelson.a@dunraven.org.uk

Tuesday 23rd April	**Term 5 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Thursday 25th April	**PTA meeting**	Art room 9am
Monday 29th April 2019	**Visits to Durning Library**	All class across week
Monday 29th April 2019	**School Photo Individual and Family Groups**	am
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**	
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 3 and 4 Mini Tag Rugby 9.30-1.00pm	Kennington Park
Wednesday 8th May 2019	School Council + 5 monitors trip to Parliament	9.15
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 1 Trip visiting TES Newsroom	am
Friday 10th May 2019	Horniman Museum YR4	9.30 – 3pm
Monday 13th May 2019	Nursery Open Day	
Monday 13th May 2019	SATS Week	
Tuesday 21st May 2019	**Workshop for YR4 CLC**	9.30 – 2.45pm
Friday 24th May 2019	**End of Term 5**	
Monday 3rd June 2019	**Term 6 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Mini Athletics	
Wednesday 12th June 2019	G & T Sports Day Years 5 and 6	Tooting Bec Track
Friday 14th June 2019	Year 5 Boys' visit to Dulwich College	
Friday 14th June 2019	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Tuesday 18th June 2019	Class Photos	
Friday 21st June 2019	Sports Day	To be confirmed
Sunday 23rd June 2019	YR6 trip to Kingswood(Isle of Wight)	
Monday 24th June 2019	Vision screening reception	9.30 - 12
Monday 24th June 2019	Visits to Durning Library	
Wednesday 26th June 2019	Maths Master Class	
Thursday 27th June 2019	Year 1 and 2 Transition Picnic	
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1-4pm tbc
Monday 1st July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Monday 1st July 2019	YR 6 Bikeability	All week
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	Reception setting visits	
Tuesday 2nd July 2019	YR 3 being photographed for Tate Gallery project	
Friday 5th July 2019	Early Years Sports Day	
Monday 8th July 2019	Nursery & Reception – Welcome Morning (Stay & Play)	
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Church Service at St Mark's	
Wedneday 10th July 2019	Nursery setting visits	
Friday 12th July 2019	Award Ceremony	
Friday 12th July 2019	Early years party	1.10pm
FRIDAY 12TH July 2019	YR6 Enod of year production and dinner	6-8pm
Friday 12th July 2019	Early Years & Reception Graduation	2.30pm
Sunday 14th July 2019	**Leaver's service at St Mark's Church**	**10 am**
w/c Monday 15th – 19th July 2019	Science, Health and Fitness Week	
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Showcase Evening & Reports	3.30-4.45pm
Friday 19th July 2019	**Last day of term**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**

HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 (draft)

Autumn Term 2019

Start:	Tuesday 3rd September (pupils return)
	INSET DAY – Friday 30th August 2019 / Monday 2nd September 2019
Finish:	Friday 18th October
Half Term:	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October
Start:	Monday 28th October
Finish:	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Start:	Tuesday 7th January 2020 (pupils return)
	INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2020
Finish:	Friday 14th February
Half Term:	Monday 17th February – Friday 21 February
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 3rd April
Easter Break:	Monday 6th April 2020 – Monday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Start:	Monday 20th April
	Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday school closed)
Finish:	Friday 22nd May
Half Term:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Start:	Monday 1st June
Finish:	Friday 17th July

BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Wednesday 25 December 2019 (Christmas Day)

Thursday 26 December 2019 (Boxing Day)

Wednesday 1 January 2020 (New Year's Day)

Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)

Monday 13 April 2020 (Easter Monday)

Monday 4 May 2020 (May Day)

Monday 25 May 2020 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Monday 31 August 2020 (Summer Bank Holiday)

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO 5 INSET DAYS YET TO BE CONFIRMED

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25 April 2019

Dear Sola,

SIAMS INSPECTION OF ST MARK'S C OF E SCHOOL, KENNINGTON - Friday 22 March 2019

I attach the report on the SIAMS inspection of St Mark's C of E School which took place earlier this term. I hope you found the inspection a helpful experience in affirming the effective work of the school as well as supporting its future development.

The report describes many strengths of St Mark's as a church school. I was delighted to read how leaders and governors explicitly articulate and implement an outward looking Christian vision which is sharply focused on the context of your school and the needs of your pupils. It is very encouraging to hear that this 'hopeful vision' underpins daily life and shapes words and actions. I am very pleased that the school is a worshipping community and supported by an invitational and inclusive collective worship programme. It is also pleasing to read that RE is given a high priority with a shared recognition of its contribution towards delivering the school's vision.

Everyone at the school is to be congratulated on the distinctiveness that is being successfully developed and maintained.

The report helpfully identifies ways in which the school can sharpen its processes for self-evaluation, strengthen systems for the assessment of RE and secure the substantive leadership of this core subject; Shaun Burns, or other officers, will be very happy to support the school in addressing these areas. Please do not hesitate to ask. I hope the inspection and report have been an encouragement to everyone at the school. We like to monitor the conduct of inspections. I have therefore enclosed an evaluation/feedback sheet which I should be grateful if you would complete and return to Cheryl Kuit. It is particularly important that we receive feedback on inspections under the SIAMS arrangements.

Please convey my warmest thanks and congratulations to staff and governors for all their work on behalf of the children at St Mark's C of E School.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Powell (Lay Canon)
Director of Education

cc Revd Canon Stephen Coulson, Chair of Governors

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