Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

4th May 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,

Attendance and Punctuality

We hope that you have received the attendance and punctuality policy that was sent out earlier this week. We need to work very well together to ensure that children attend school regularly and are on time. Clearly the school does not want to apply the consequences of fines and court orders (that is requested by the local authority) onto our families, so please work with us so these can be avoided. If there are any reasons which are causing your child to be late to school or are affecting attendance, please speak to Mr Ingram or Mrs Moses.

Sats Preparation

Children in both Years 2 and 6 are busy preparing for their end of key stage assessment tests, which will be taking place across the next few weeks. Please ensure that children are in school every day and go to bed on time so they get plenty of rest, are alert and prepared to do their best.

Secondary School Update

All of our Year 6 children have been offered secondary school places, which include: La Retraite, Dunraven St Mark's, Tenison's, St Gabriel's, Greycoats, Oasis, Pimlico and some others. **If you are a Year 5 parent**, please begin to think about the schools that you are interested in and start to look at the admissions criteria for those schools on their websites. A meeting will be held towards the end of the summer term to provide you with help and guidance about the process for applying for secondary school.

EYFS

Our Nursery spaces for September 2018 are quickly filling up. If you have a child who is approaching 3 years old, please complete a school application form. We still have some spaces for Reception Class for September 2018. If you were late applying or know of someone who would like a place, please contact the school office.

Value of the Week

School Rules - Use kind words and actions

BIBLE VERSE

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

ATTENDANCE AND PUNTUALITY

Overall whole school figure—97.2%

Best Classes– R, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 all over 96.5%

Our attendance across the school was far better this week. We understand when there are exceptional circumstances that cause your child to be late, like the accident this week in Camberwell, but there are still too many children arriving to school after 8.55am, causing them to be late. Please be in line by 8.55am as the bell goes. Thanks

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Nursery Forest School

Last week, Nursery children began their forest school sessions with Miss Winter. They worked in the Wildlife garden looking for different coloured petals and leaves.

Gardening

Bill and Steve worked with Year 3 and the garden monitors. This year, children across the school are helping to create a juice garden, and are preparing fruits and vegetables to make fresh juices at the Summer Fair on 7th July. Beetroot and carrots were planted this week's sessions.

MATHS WEEK

Maths Fun

Last week, the whole school took part in Maths Week which was extremely successful! Each class was involved in investigative maths every single day of the week, which helps with strategic thinking and problem solving - key life skills. I hope that we can all continue with this style of maths as it is not just educational but also fun!

From Miss Hankins

REMINDERS for Drop-Off and Pick-Ups at School

This week parents received a copy of the attendance and punctuality policy. Please take time to read this very important document. Please ensure that your child is in school before the bell goes at 8.55am and that he/she is collected promptly at 3.30pm or if attending after school clubs at 4.25pm. *4.45pm(Taekwondo)

Before school children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 need to be accompanied by an adult and not left alone in the playground

After school, children can only be collected by a child over the age of 14 years if given consent by the responsible adult. Please inform the class teacher if somebody different than usual will be collecting your child.

Parking

The yellow zig zag lines outside the front of the school are there to help our children to cross the road safely before and after school. Please do not park on them before and after school, as it puts children at serious risk as they cross the road because they can't see.

Also please avoid parking across the road on the yellow lines, as this blocks the road up. Ticket officers have threatened to give cars parked on the yellow lines fines of up to £60. To avoid this, please park in the marked bays when you collect and drop off children from school.

THE BIG PEDAL COMPETITION

Today is the final day of the Big Pedal competition encouraging a healthier lifestyle. Many thanks to those parents and children including Younger siblings who have participated in the Big Peddle this week. We have competed against 430 primary schools across the UK. So far we have made (collectively) 175 journeys by bike or scooter. This includes support from grandparents, parents and younger siblings. We will let you know the final total in our next newsletter.

From Mrs Moses

School Uniform

As the weather gets hot, children are beginning to take their jumpers off and misplacing them. We already have quite a large collection. Please make sure that children's names are written in them to help us to identify them.

Summer Term Dates for 2017/18

Monday 16th April 2018	Return to school	
Wednesday 18th April 2018	Maths parent workshop	9am
Monday 23rd April 2018	Maths Week	
Monday 30th April 2018	Class group photo's	
Thursday 3rd May	School Gardeners in to work with Year 3	am
Monday 7th May 2018	May Day Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 8th May 2018	Nursery out on a school trip to Battersea Park	
Wednesday 9th May 2018	Year 1 out at Robotics/Dance Workshop	9.05-2.00pm
Tuesday 15th May 2018	Reception Vision Screening	
Friday 25th May 2018	Chess Tournament – YR5 and Oval Cluster Schools	
Friday 25th May 2018	**Last day of Term 5**	
Monday 14th May 2018	SATs Week for Year 6	Monday -Thursday
Thursday 17th May	School Gardeners are in to work with Year 6	
Friday 18th May 2018	Literacy Lab workshop Yr6	
Monday 21st May	Year 3 visiting the chocolate Museum in Brixton for tasting and making	10.00am-12.00am
Monday 21st May	Year 4 visiting the chocolate Museum in Brixton for tasting and making	10.00am-12.00am
Monday 4th June 2018	**Return to school**	8.55am
Thursday 7th June 2018	School Gardeners are in to work with Nursery Class	
w/c Monday 4th June 2018	Year 6 Fundraising	Sponsored Silece and Food sale will take place this week
Tuesday 12th June 2018	YR6 Into University transition Workshop	
Friday 15th June 2018	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Monday 18th June 2018	Yr 6 Bikeability cycle confidence	All week
Wednesday 20th June 2018	YR6 Leavers Service at Southwark Cathedral	10.30 am
Thursday 21st June	School Gardeners are in to work with Year 2	
Friday 22nd June 2018	YR4 at Into University	9.30 – 11am
Friday 22nd June 2018	YR 5/6 Mixed Football Tournament	10 – 2pm Ferndale Leisure Centre

Monday 25th June 2018	YR6 First Aid Workshop	
Tuesday 26th June 2018	School photos Individuals + siblings	
Wednesday 27th June 2018	Year 5 and 6 Strings Concert for Parents	3.00 start
Thursday 28th June 2018	Year 3 and 4 Strings concert for parents	3.00pm start
Monday 2nd July 2018	Maths Specialist visiting St Marks and doing workshop	All day
Monday 2nd July	Year 5 and 6 Springs Concert at Royal Festival Hall, Southbank	For selected Year 5 and 6 child
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 10.25
Wed 11th July 2018	Box Clever Theatre Company performing for Years 1 and 2	Road Safety theme Followed by workshops
Thursday 12th July 2018	Reception and Year 4 Working with the school gardeners	
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	
Week Commencing Monday 16th July 2018	Sports Day	Actual Date To be Confirmed
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) Followed by a dinner for Year 6 children and parents	6-8pm
Friday 20th July 2018	**Last day of term**	School finishes at 1.30pm

A Trip or learning opportunity taking place off-site

A special school based learning activity or event

Whole school event

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

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

Canalway Cavalcade 2018

Sat 5th May – Mon 7th 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 for activities for all the family with a boaters' gathering, a pageant of boats, trade shows and stalls, live music, kids' activities, competitions, Morris Dancers, a real ale bar, a wide variety of snacks and food.

Southbank Centre – The Magic Fish

Mon 7th May, 12.00, 1.00pm & 3.30pm FREE (Ages 5+) www.southbankcentre.co.uk

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX (Tube: Waterloo / Embankment)

Presented by ATMA Dance, *The Magic Fish* tells a classic tale through dance, storytelling and beatboxing.

Children are invited to discover the magical story of Vishnu, one of India's shape-shifting supergods, in an interactive production. On stage you'll see a dancer, a multi-talented musician, magical underwater scenes and... audience members! No need to book, just turn up on the day. At the end of the first performance, at approximately 1pm, there is a free workshop involving dance and beatboxing with the company.

The Modern Movement: Brockwell Lido

Sat 5th May, 10am – 4.30pm

Brockwell Lido – Dulwich Rd SE24 0PA / 07958673703 **FREE entry**

www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/brockwell-lido/your-centre/lido/

Brockwell Lido hosts The Modern Movement, a festival of 20th Century design. Back for its 11th year, The Modern Movement, is south London's prestigious, free festival featuring classic vintage furniture, jewelry and beautiful things.

Lebara Days of Poland Festival 2018

Sun 6th May 1.00pm **FREE**

Potters Fields Park, Tooley St, SE1 2AA / Tube: London Bridge / www.daysofpolandlondon.com

The biggest Polish Festival in the United Kingdom, annually held in Potters Fields Park by Tower Bridge. Bringing a taste of Poland to London's South bank this family friendly festival will introduce London residents and visitors to traditional and contemporary Polish music, arts and cuisine. The festival will combine a variety of attractions for children and adults, including face painting, giant bubble shows, Polish national dances and live music including prominent Polish musicians

National Gallery – Drawing Sunday

Sun 6th May, 11am – 12.30pm & 2.00 – 3.30pm FREE (Ages 5-11) *Children must be accompanied by an adult*

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN / 020 7747 2885 / www.nationalgallery.org.uk / Nearest tube: Charing Cross

Work with artist and designer Bethan Durie to experiment with contemporary drawing techniques and sketch from still life paintings. See your visual story unfold by adding collage to create a concertina drawing series.

Meet in the Piggott Education Centre Foyer (Orange Street entrance).

Gallery Different: Slime London

Sat 5th & Sun 6th May 11am – 5pm / **FREE**

Gallery Different, 14 Percy Street London W1T 1DR / www.gallerydifferent.co.uk/home 020 7637 3775

Join us for the biggest Slime event this year and get ready to experience slime like never before.

Slime London is a brand new pop-up experience dedicated entirely to all things Slime. Running over two days on May Bank Holiday weekend, the event includes live demonstrations, 'how to make slime' masterclasses, a Slime shop and multiple interactive opportunities including a foam inspired ball pit!