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The St Mark's News
5th February 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Working In Partnership With Parents

Parents' Evening

It was fantastic to see our Parents' Evenings so well attended earlier in the week. It is crucial that we work closely together to support your child in all areas of their education. Some of you have rescheduled a meeting for next week and if you have not been able to make an appointment yet, please make sure that you speak to your child's teacher, as soon as possible. We have now reached the mid-point in the school year, so this update on your child's progress is very important.

Our Reception parents will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs Davidson the week after half term. We also plan to arrange a 'Stay and Play' time for Reception parents during the week commencing 29th February, when you can spend time with your child in the Reception Class. More details will follow shortly.

School Tours

We would like to give you the opportunity to visit the school building during a school tour. **Next Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00am** we will be visiting the classrooms and seeing the children at work. I will also be able to share with you more of our plans for developing a school Nursery and Breakfast club.

School Collective Worship

Theme: 'The School Values'

Wk 5– Forgiveness

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Matthew 6:12

Come and visit out classrooms!

Diary for next week

Monday 8th February

-Internet Safety Week

-Year 6 Trip to Southwark Playhouse returning at 4.00pm

Wednesday 10 February

School Tours for parents 9.00am

Thursday 11th February

School Tour for parents 9.00am and 3.00pm

-Year 1 visiting Southwark Cathedral

-Valentines Disco 6-8pm All help and food offers appreciated!

Friday 12th February

-End of Term 3– 3.30pm

Monkey business In Year 6

Mr Ingram was visited by a gorilla earlier in the week! The class' great writing, based on King Kong, must have caused him to come to life!

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Valentine's Disco

Come along to the St Mark's Valentine's Disco

Thursday 11th February 2016 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
In the school hall

Wear something Red and/or White
There is only space for up to 100 people so please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment
Adults £4, Children £3 and family tickets £12.50

Internet Safety Week

Next week is our internet safety week when we will hold workshops for all classes across the school to explain how to use the internet safely. We would like to invite you to an E-Safety Parent 's Workshop on Friday 12th February at 9.00am in the school hall. The workshop will last for 40 minutes

UK Safer Internet Centre

Tips to help keep children safe on the internet and social networks

- Place your home computer in an area of your house where you can easily supervise your family's Internet activity.
- Have a discussion with your sons and daughters about their online friends and activities. Make sure they really know who their on-line friends are.
- Review the amount of time your son or daughter spends on the Internet, and at what times of the day.
- Change the profile settings to private
- Make sure they do not put unnecessary personal information on their profile.
- Set yourself as a friend on the site
- Use the parental control filters on your computer or anti-virus software and

Useful Websites for parents and children

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk
www.childnet.com
www.internetmatters.org/controls/
http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016

Reception Class have had great fun in their outdoor area this week. They have been creating, designing and working as scientists. Look at the water feature they have made!

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Chinese New Year Family Festival Day - National Gallery

FREE (Ages 5-11)

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN / 020 7747 2885 / www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Nearest tube: Charing Cross

Sat 6th Feb, 10am-4pm

Celebrate the year of the monkey with an action packed day of fun for all ages at the National Gallery. Find hidden monkeys, re-imagine paintings, draw a monkey's royal portrait, and re-hang pictures in your own monkey kingdom, create a traditional mask, listen to stories and learn how to play traditional Chinese instruments.

Carnival Weekend at Pop Brixton

FREE (All Ages)

49 Brixton Station Rd, SW9 8PQ / 020 7274 2903 / www.popbrixton.org

Mardi Gras - Sat 6th Feb, from midday. Pop Brixton will be transformed in a mini New Orleans French Quarter with brass band parades, live art, live music, Louisiana food and drinks, street performers and more!

South London Carnival - Sat 7th Feb, from midday. Brazil's Carnival will be celebrated in Samba-infused style at Pop this Sunday with an exciting day of entertainment & activities for all ages to blast away those winter blues.

British Museum

FREE (Ages as below)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Fun Family Photos (Ages 5+) **-** Sat 6th Feb, 11am-4pm. Learn green scree technology skills to create a picture of your family interacting with some of the Museum's most fascinating objects. Drop-in activity which lasts 30-45 minutes.

Shadow Puppets Animation (Ages 7+) **-** Sun 7th Feb, 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Learn about the ancient art of shadow-puppetry and then decorate your own beautiful puppets before using voice recording software and video cameras to bring your characters to life through film. To secure a place, sign up on the day at the Samsung Digital Discovery Centre.