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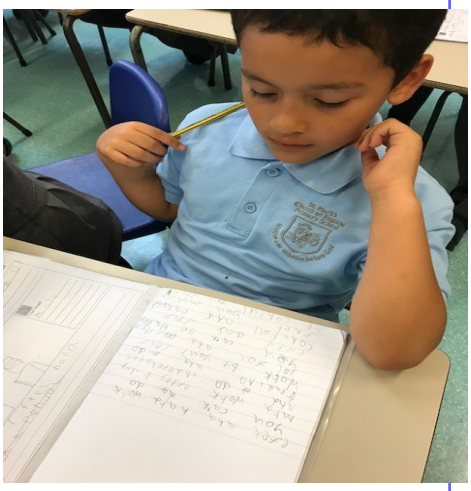
# The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

## 5th October 2020

**'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 Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,



### Thank you and Covid Update

We thank you for your ongoing support for the school during these unusual times. We are doing all that we can to minimise risks within the school by maintaining the 'bubbles' or groups that children remain within, undertaking extra cleaning and implementing the national 'Hands, Face, Space message where applicable. Thank you for observing our guidelines and for collecting and dropping your children off at the correct times.

Thank you also for keeping to social distancing rules outside the gate and for following our one way systems at the beginning and end of the school day. In response to further reducing risk within and around the school, please can we encourage you keep your face masks on when lining up outside the school and when you come onto the school premises. Please do not come onto the school site if you or anyone in your house is displaying Covid symptoms or you are supposed to be self isolating.

### Learning as Usual

The children are working exceptionally hard throughout the school and enjoying their learning. We are still able to participate in chess, music, visit the Oval cricket ground for computing and PE and participate in PE and Forest School.

**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**Trust**

**BIBLE VERSE**

**It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.** Psalms 118:8

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Book to come to one of our...

school tours

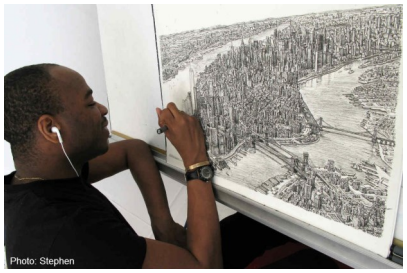
which take place every Friday at 9.15am
Call 020 7735 1467 or visit www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Closing date for Reception applications is 15th January and for Nursery applications is 15th April

# School News

## Black History Year!

From now on, St Mark's will not be celebrating Black History Month … because we will be celebrating Black History Year! We have reviewed our curriculum and have explored ways in which we can make our curriculum more balanced and representative of our diverse community. Please see our outline document here which will provide you with further details relating to what we intend to teach the children throughout the year within our school curriculum.

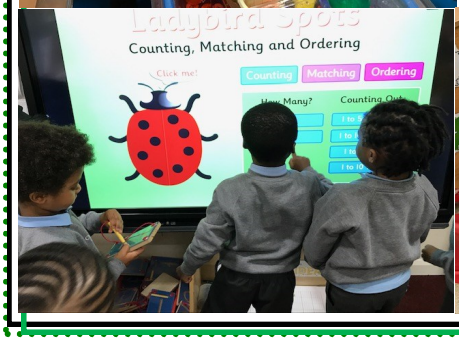


## Nursery and Reception Update

**The children are making fantastic progress across the Early Years. They have settled in well and are making full use of the indoor and outdoor provision.**

## Nursery Applications

**If you have a child who will be 3 Years old before 1st September 2021 , please can you complete an application form as soon as possible. Our school nursery is very popular in the local community and we do not want you to miss out on a school place. School tours are available every Friday morning through booking via the school office.**



# Secondary Transfer Process– information for 6 parents

**Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,**

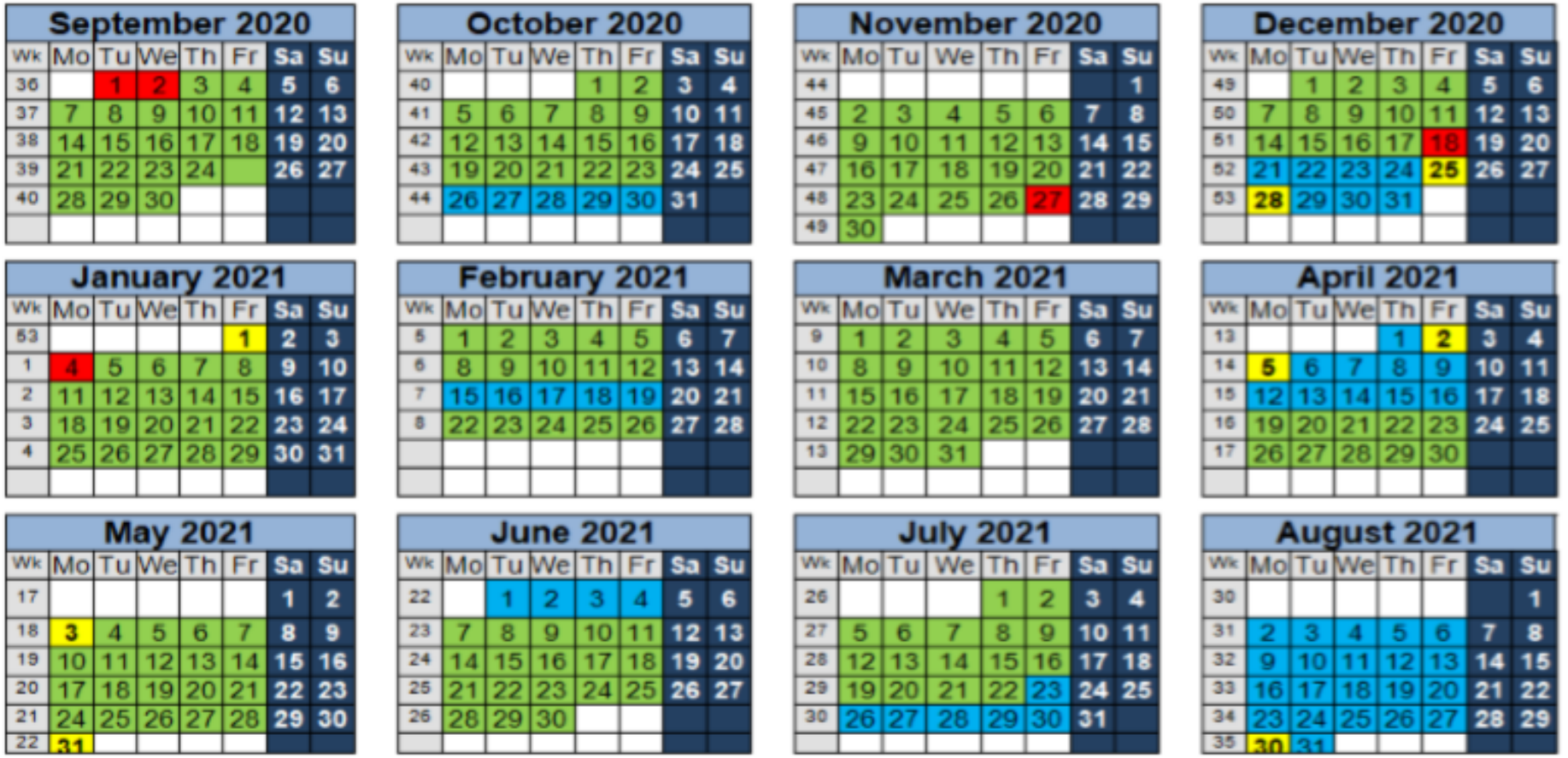
**I am sure that you have started considering schools for your Year 6 child. Due to Covid, arrangements across Lambeth and other local boroughs, some things are different this year.**

- **Not all secondary schools will be hosting open days. Many will offer virtual school tours online. Please see:**

La Ratraite A Year in the Life https://www.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk/2186/a-year-in-the-life

- An Introduction to La Retraite https://youtu.be/txgf_NGTkkI
- St Gabriel's College—http://www.saintgabrielscollege.org/Virtual-Open-Evening/
- Lilian Baylis— https://www.lilianbaylis.com/parent-info/admissions
- Tenison's https://www.tenisons.com/Students/Joining-us-from-Primary-School/ (open days happening)
- Southfields https://www.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Open+Evening+2020&pid=1232
- **The admissions tests that are usually held during October will not take place this year**
- **Applications need to be handed in by 31st October. Give yourself plenty of time to complete the form and to gather the other documents that need to be submitted as proof of identification**
- **Please remember to complete the supplementary application forms for the schools that you will be applying for as well as the online application form**
- **If you are currently living in temporary accommodation, you will need to use this as your address.**
- **If a family move during the school admissions process they need to inform their original (if not the same) borough's School Admissions Team of the move as soon as possible, and provide new proof of address documentation. If a family moves and informs us of this between the secondary transfer deadline and 12th December the new address can be used for distance measurements etc**
- **If your child is applying to a grammar school and you are waiting for the results of a test or for your child to sit a test, you have up until 10th December to make changes to the order of your school preferences.**

# School Term Dates 2020/21



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School Holidays

Bank holidays

Pupil Days

INSET Days

Term Dates