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The St Mark's News
6th May 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am sure that we could all get used to a four day week. Nevertheless, at school we still managed to achieve a lot, even though we had one less day.

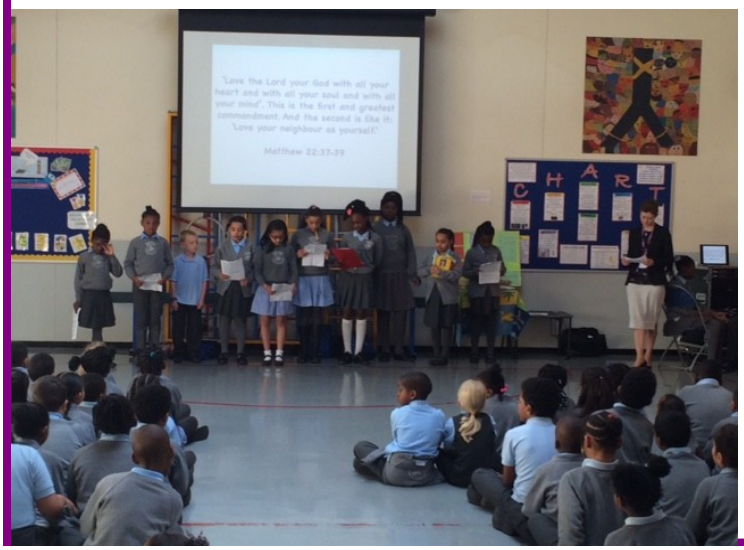
We will be holding another parents evening on Tuesday 24th May, to update you on your child's progress so far this year and to highlight the areas that need to continue to be focused on during the final term of the year. Separate letters went out today and sign up sheets will be outside class-rooms from next Monday. If you are not in a position to sign up in person, please return your form as soon as possible.

Please take note of the personalised messages within this newsletter for parents of different year groups. There are many exciting learning experiences and opportunities planned for the weeks ahead.

Theme: The importance of rules

On Tuesday morning, our school prayer monitors led collective worship which they wrote, prepared and then delivered themselves. They gave the school a reminder of the importance of God's commandments summarised in loving God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbour as ourselves.

Luke 10:28



Year 4 Parents

Please see the separate letter that went out with children today about an exciting, overnight school journey in September 2016. An information evening is planned for 25th May at 6.oopm

SATS WEEK-Message for Year 6 Parents

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests. We would like all pupils to attend school at 8.25am, when the school will be providing breakfast for them before they begin their assessments. Please see the additional letter sent out with children today.

Music Provision at St Mark's and Archbishop Tenison's

We have a very talented group of musicians at St Mark's and from next week, a number will be preparing to take their grade one recorder exams in November 2016. As part of their extensive music provision, Archbishop Tenison's currently offer free music tuition to any-one who has grade one or above. This has been generously extended to St Mark's students. Please inform Mr Ingram if you have grade one or above for any instrument to obtain additional, free music tuition.

Free Cycle Training for May half term at Myatt's Fields and Clapham Common.

Visit www.cycleconfident.com or call 02030316730 for more details

Year 3 Collective Worship

Next Thursday 12th May, our pupils in Year 3 will be the first class to lead a class collective worship assembly. It will take place at 9.05am so that as many of you as possible can attend.

Change 4 Life Training

On Wednesday, five of our Year 5 pupils attended a Lambeth scheme called Change 4 Life. They were given a bag of resources, which they hope to use to establish more active playtimes and draw attention to children's overall health and well-being.

The School Website

Please view our website for new updates:

- New pictures of Year 4 children in the chocolate museum (gallery)
- New pictures of school monitors (monitor page)
- New pictures of some of the after school clubs (clubs page)

See if you can see yourself or a friend

www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Would you like the chance to work in school with your child on an exciting animation workshop and work on a project with other parents? An exciting 6 week course will be run at the school from next week, which will involve you working with your child for one hour per week on creating a short film. Please see details below and register your interest at the school office.

CLC Family Learning

Animation course

Come and do a project in your school

At St Mark's C of E Primary School

It is a **6 week course** during which you will work with your child on a creative project.

You will produce a stop-frame animated film complete with a storyline, characters and settings

6 Week Course: Wednesdays 9am - 3pm

Starts Wednesday 18th May 2016

Information session: Wednesday 11th May at 9am

Come and find out more. Meet Marie the tutor

Please tick your chosen option and return this slip to the school office as soon as possible.

o I am interested in the course and will attend the information session on Wednesday 11th May at 9am.

o I want to do this course but cannot attend the information session

Name: …… Contact Number: ……

Name of child: …… Class: ……

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Imperial College Festival - Imperial College London

FREE (All Ages)

Exhibition Road, SW7 2AZ / 020 7594 3375 / www.imperial.ac.uk/festival

Nearest tube: South Kensington

Sat 7th May 9.30am-5.30pm & Sun 8th May, 10.30am-4.30pm

Join Imperial College as it springs to life with spectacular hands-on science demonstrations, music, comedy, dance and art, there really is something for everyone! Immerse yourself in interactive science demonstrations, from playing the heart & lung lottery game to tasting an edible solar system – not to mention the opportunity to acquaint yourself with a 16ft mechanical dragon. Join the celebration and discover something different.

Westminster Morris Men, Day of Dance - Trafalgar Square

FREE (All Ages)

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN / www.chinatownlondon.org

Nearest Tube: Charing Cross

Sat 7th May, 2pm-6pm

This event will see teams of Morris Men from across England dancing in Westminster's streets all afternoon and then meeting in Trafalgar Square at 5pm for a mass display of dance.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5, who each achieved attendance rates of over 96%. Year 1 also were in on time during the week. Each class was given £5 towards their class fund. Year 2 will be using the £60 they have made so far to help to reduce their trip to Brighton beach next Friday.

The school's overall attendance rate from September 2015 up until now is 95.7%, just below our target of 96%. Extended periods away from school have pleasingly reduced significantly. The school's attendance is now being let down by a small number of children who are persistently absent. Let's continue to work hard to make sure that children are in school as much as possible, so absences don't have a negative impact on children's learning.

Year 5 Parents

Wednesday 11th May

Year 5 children will be going out on a school visit to Southwark Cathedral. If you are able to support on the trip, please speak to Mrs James, the class teacher.

Year 2 Parents

Friday 13th May

Next Friday Year 2 will be taking the train to Brighton to visit the beach, as part of their learning on the seaside. They will be using some of the money raised through good attendance to reduce the cost of this school visit.