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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

7th January 2022

'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,

Welcome Back and Covid Update

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope that you had a restful Christmas, despite the disruption that we all faced due the increased Covid rates across London.

We really want to operate as normal during this period and remain open for all pupils. The government predicts that there may be higher than normal absences amongst staff and we are already experiencing staff absences; we therefore ask for your understanding if there are changes to timetables and staffing.

During the Christmas break, the Department for Education provided updated guidance for schools and headteachers for the new term. This guidance says:

- The isolation period for people who have tested positive has now been reduced from 10 days to 7 days, if there is a negative lateral flow test result on day six and day seven
- Close contacts of Covid cases can continue to attend school as long as they take daily lateral flow tests
- Under 5s who are close contacts are advised to take a PCR test instead of the daily tests but can continue to attend school, as long as they are not showing any symptoms
- If any Covid test results are positive, pupils should stay at home

We will continue to: minimise risks by ensuring spaces remain ventilated; by cleaning more frequently used areas more regularly and by continuing to wash and sanitise hands at different points during the day. Please continue to support us in promoting the highest levels of health and safety at this time by:

- Wearing a mask on the school site
- Maintaining the one way system around the school
- Testing children if they display any symptoms
- Informing us as soon as possible if your child tests positive for Covid or they are required to isolate
- Making contingency plans in the event that your child develops symptoms at school and needs to be collected at short notice.

In the event that some classes or the school need to move to online learning, we will work with you and provide pupils with laptops that they can use whilst at home. However, we hope this will not be the case.

We look forward to working with you in 2022 and pray that the Lord will be with us, keep us safe and help the children to achieve to their full potential this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sola Ingram

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Digital Flourishing

BIBLE VERSE

"Turn my eyes away from worthless things and revive me with your word"

Psalm 119:37

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance across the school has been good this week, but some families must work harder to ensure that their children are in school on time.

Please aim to arrive at school at 8.45am so children are in their lines for 8.55am.

What is happening at St Mark's

We did not want you to miss the las events from last term as they were really enjoyed by all— Our school choir raised £170 for the Robes Project –a local homeless charity; Our Key Stage 1 children performed superbly in their Nativity and children in Key Stage 2 led a fantastic Carol service at St Mark's Church.

Shock! Horror! Children in Oak Class found the library area completely trashed by two characters named Vacuum and Filth. They are currently investigating and have made some wanted posters.

Recruitment to St Mark's Primary
September 2022

We are currently looking forward to welcoming new families to join our **Reception Class** from **September 2022**. Please spread the word about our great school by speaking to parents, putting posters up in your areas, clubs or churches and generally being ambassadors for the school. If you would like any posters, leaflets or prospectuses to share with others, please ask at the school office

St Mark's C of E Primary School is located on the Oval/ Kennington borders (just behind the Oval cricket ground).

We are a friendly, family-based school that provides a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education, aimed at both challenging and engaging all of our children.

Our size, alongside our strong Christian ethos, also enables us to place an equal emphasis on nurturing each individual child's growth, development and character.

If you are interested in a Nursery or Reception Class place for September 2022 or to find out more about the school, please contact us or visit the school for an informal tour and conversation.

Come and join the St Mark's Family

Phone: 020 7735 1467

Email: admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

Web: www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Address: Harleyford Road, Oval, London, SE115SL

Applying for a Reception Place

Now is the time to apply for your child's primary school place if your child has been born **between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018.**

Please do not assume that pupils will automatically move from Nursery to Reception. You will need to apply online via your home borough and follow the instructions on the link to the Pan-London online Common Application Form (CAF) https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

You MUST apply by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.

Term 3 Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th January 2022	**Children return to school for Term 3**	
w/c Monday 10th January 2022	**Small group tuition for Years 3-5 beginning this week**	
Tuesday 11th January 2022	**Year 2 Hero Day**	
Tuesday 11th January 2022	**Year 6 return to the Oval Cricket Ground for ICT and Cricket Coaching**	
Wednesday 12th January 2022	**Year 6 1-1 tuition restarts 8.00am**	
Friday 14th January 2022	**Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament**	9.30-3.30
Saturday 15th January 2021	**Last day for Reception Admissions**	
Friday 28th Jan 2022	**Science Day**	
2nd February 2022	**Year 3 visiting the National History Museum and attending a Volcano workshop**	
Tuesday 8th February 2022	**Safer Internet Day**	
Wednesday 9th February	**Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament**	La Retraite School
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February 22	**Parents Evening**	
Friday 11th February	**Last day of Term 3 Celebration Event after school**	
Friday 11th February 2022	**Year 3 Ancient China Day**	Children come in Chinese Dress for a day of learning, food and fun
Friday 11th February 2022	**Year 4 Ancient Greece Day**	Children come as Ancient Greeks for a day of learning, food and fun
Friday 11th February	**Last day of Term 3**	
w/c 14th -18th Feb 2022	**Half Term**	
Monday 21st February 2022	**Children return back to school**	
Wednesday 23rd Feb 2022	**EYFS Stay and Play**	9.00-9.45am
Friday 25th February 2022	**Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament**	
1st March 2022	**Secondary School Offer Day**	
4th March	**Year 5 and 6 Basketball Tournament**	
Friday 18th March 2022	**Red Nose Day**	Children can wear red to school and participate in Sports Challenges to raise money for charity
Wednesday 23d March 2022	**EYFS Stay and Play**	9.00-9.45am tbc
Wednesday 23rd March 2022	**Musictrax Violin/Cello Concert**	2.50pm
Thursday 24th March 2022	**Year 3 and 4 Recorder Concert**	2.50pm
Friday 25th March 2022	**Mothers' Day Breakfast**	tbc
w/c 28th March 2022	**RE Week**	Week of RE activities leading up to Easter
Thursday 31st March 2022	**St Mark's Day**	Fun activities across the day
Thursday 31st March 2022	**Church Service at St Mark's Church**	
Thursday 31st March 2022	**Last day of Spring Term**	

St Mark's CE Primary School
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING 2022

Clubs are 3.30-4.25pm, except * Taekwon-Do on Wednesdays **3.30pm-4.45pm**
Clubs will be **only £3.00**** per session! (£27.50 per term) **First 2 Clubs half price for Pupil Premium
Children **MUST** wear **PE kits** for **all** sport activities.

Payment and bookings on ParentPay
on a first-come first-serve basis.
10 weeks of clubs – Pay only 9 weeks

Clubs will START the week commencing Monday 17th January 2022

Last week of clubs will be the week ending Thursday 31st March 2022

DAY & CLUB	AVAILABLE TO YEARS	Places Available	Club Cost
MONDAY			
BADMINTON	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
ART & CRAFT	Years 2 - 6	20	
TUESDAY			
DODGEBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
COOKING	Years 1-3	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
WEDNESDAY			
MULTISPORTS	Years 1 – 3	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
*TAEKWONDO (KS1 & KS2 places available)	REC. Yr1 & Yr 2 ***3.00pm – 3:30pm** Yr 3 – 6 ***3:30pm – 4:45pm**	**PLEASE BOOK DIRECTLY WITH AMANDA ON 07733 747 879 ajdelaney@me.com**	
THURSDAY			
GIRLS FOOTBALL	Years 4-6	15	£27.50
CHESS	Years 3-6	20	£27.50
GYMNASTICS	Years 3-6	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
RECORDER CLUB	Years 3 - 6	10	£27.50
FRIDAY			
FOOTBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.50
HOMEWORK	Years 2 – 6	20	£27.50

Payments for clubs are NON – TRANSFERABLE or REFUNDABLE:

- **If your child changes his/her mind.**
- **If clubs are CANCELLED due to staff absence.**

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AS ALL CLUBS ARE ALREADY SUBSIDISED

DUE TO HIGH DEMAND, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF CLUBS.
If there is not enough demand for certain clubs, we may not be able to run them this term.

After School Clubs

BADMINTON

Do you want to be the next famous badminton player? Come and join the club on **Mondays**! Limited spaces. **Yrs 3-6**

ART AND CRAFT

Calling all artists on a **Monday**- do you like drawing and making amazing sculptures, have you ever wondered how artist manage to have their work in museums and galleries. Come and enjoy an amazing ART club, filled with fun and imagination for you to explore. Painting, Drawing, Colouring, Moulding, Needlework, Free Design and much much more.
Limited spaces. **Yrs 2- 6**

Spring Term 2022
17th January to 31st March

10 weeks of clubs – **Pay only 9 weeks**

Bookings on ParentPay

From Wednesday 5th January to Wednesday12th January

DODGEBALL

Dodgeball is a fun packed game of action and skills. You will be amazed how fit you can be running around and trying to get your opponent out! A team game of fun and laughter. Available on **Tuesdays** for **Yrs 3 - 6**

MULTISPORTS

Mr Emmanuel will be putting together a range of different sports each week. Every week there will be something new to do.
Wednesdays for Yrs 1 - 3

COOKERY

Just because the festive season may be over, does not mean all cooking has to stop. Why don't you come to our Make and Bake workshops! Activities include making, painting, decorating and baking a range of sweet and savoury pastries, cupcakes and cookies.
So what are you waiting for? Come join this popular club.
Available to Years 1-3 on Tuesdays

After School Clubs

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Ms O'Rourke is thrilled to be able to teach girls not only to play football but to win!
Join the club to learn new skills, and to have fun.

On Thursdays to Yrs 4-6

GYMNASTICS

Every **Thursday** an enjoyable club which allows the children to learn and improve their co-ordination and skills

Available to Yrs 4 - 6

RECORDER CLUB

Are you ready to join a music group at St Mark's?

A Lambeth Music Teacher will lead the club and will enhance your musical skills

Available on Thursdays to Yrs 4 - 6

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FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Our Football Team speaks for itself, great matches and winning GOLD! We want more Boys and Girls to join the team, so that we can keep bringing home St Mark's Trophies for the school…
Come on .. Come On..
And sign up now.

Available Fridays to Yrs 3 - 6

CHESS

Do you want to participate in chess tournaments and gain medals for the school?
Join the chess club!

Available on Thursdays to Yrs 3 - 6

HOMEWORK CLUB

For help and support when you need it most. Available for **Yrs 2 - 6 on Fridays**