Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

7th June 2019

'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 Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Attendance and Punctuality

Many thanks for your commitment to improving pupil attendance and punctuality. The attendance levels across the school this week have been excellent. We want to make sure that our levels are as near to 96% as possible and very few people fall below the point of 90% attendance. Attendance has an impact on how well pupils do in class and across the school. Those children with poor attendance make less progress than their classmates. Please send children into school every day.

Summer Fair

We are busily preparing for our third summer fair on Saturday 29th June. Classes will run stalls, Emmanuel the Magnificent will be performing tricks, there will be a Zumba session and our Capoeira group will be performing. In addition to this there will be a bouncy castle, great food, Henna and face painting.

Help Needed

We need Parents to help run stalls and to provide food to sell. Please speak to a PSA member if you can help in this way next week in the playground. We also need fluffy toys that are in good condition and any toys and games that are in good condition. Please can children drop these into the school hall next week.

Value of the Week

Community and living well together

BIBLE VERSE

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Ephesians 4.32

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 90.53%
Reception— 87.93%
Year 1— 95.27%
Year 2— 96.45%
Year 3— 94.65%
Year 4— 96.04%
Year 5— 95.74%
Year 6— 96.74%

WELL DONE!

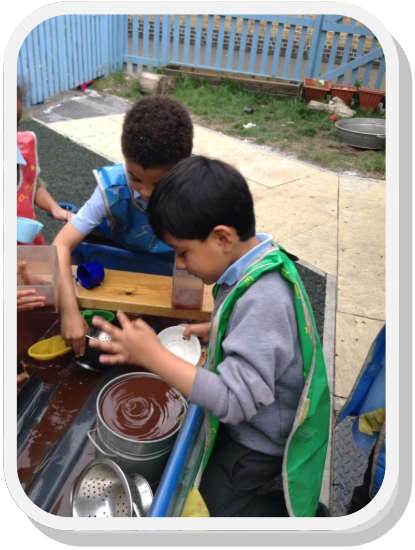
To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:
Years 2, 4 & 6
Remember that poor attendance not only has an impact on your child's learning, it affects the whole school attendance rate.

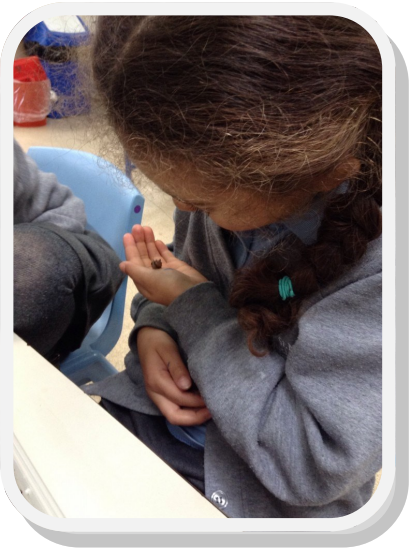
What has been happening at St Mark's

Before the half term year 5/6 cricket team did so well. Representing New Zealand, they competed in a cricket tournament with 9 others schools and finished 3rd place.
At the end of the tournament all the children had the opportunity to meet 2 professional cricket players and take pictures with the 'ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy'.
The efforts of Jacob and Norrissa in Year 6 was recognised for their potential and they were offered scholarship trials. It was a great day out.

Reception Class

Reception has started a new topic- 'On the farm'. They have been learning about the book Mrs Wishy Washy and washing the farm animals, which turned into a chocolate factory! They have also been playing in our farm shop, making obstacle courses across the farm and looking after our baby African snails! Next Monday, Chicken eggs will be delivered and the children across the EYFS will see them hatch and look after them during the first two weeks of their lives.





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St Mark's Summer Art Project

This term the whole school is involved in an Art Project. The school council chose several famous paintings from the Tate Gallery and each class will choose one of the paintings as their favourite. Children will be reflecting on the paintings by learning about the artist, and what can they see in the painting, etc. They will then recreate their own painting. Today, Year 4 went on a visit to the Tate Gallery and saw the real paintings. They all enjoyed it very much and started working on their drawings. Please see some of the pictures.

★ ★ ★ Stars of the Term ★ ★ ★

At the end of each term, teachers select children who have demonstrated excellent **Achievement** in learning, **Effort** in their commitment to their work and **Collaboration** in the way they have worked with others. For this term we are also introducing a new criteria—**Wisdom**—where children have shown great ability in their decision-making. So many children across the school demonstrate these qualities daily but the children below have been identified as demonstrating these qualities for last Term 5:

Reception	**Dib**	**Alan**	**Jedidiah**	
Year 1	**Aquinnah**	**Kiaqi**	**Benyam**	**Gerard**
Year 2	**Hamza**	**Sean**	**Andrés**	**Nadya**
Year 3	**Kelly**	**Kamarni**	**Ronell**	**Ore**
Year 4	**Grace**	**Keziah**	**Ethan**	**Vivian**
Year 5	**Ryan**	**Jaden Lee**	**Kimberly**	**Annia**
Year 6	**Ian**	**Katie**	**Patricia**	**Juanita**

Events coming up soon

Father's Day Breakfast

Let's celebrate Father's Day together with a Fathers' Day Breakfast. Come and join us for Breakfast on Friday 14th June at 8:15-8:50 in the School Hall. Please make sure that you book your space. If you haven't yet returned your form, please do so by Monday 10th June.

Come and join us to celebrate the official opening of the Edible Playground

ST MARK'S
Church of England Primary School

CELEBRATE OUR EDIBLE PLAYGROUND WITH US

AS THE 100TH EDIBLE PLAYGROUND PROJECT DELIVERED BY TREES FOR CITIES, WE ARE THROWING A CELEBRATORY AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES

JOIN US AT 15:15 ON THURSDAY JUNE 27TH TO TOUR THE EDIBLE PLAYGROUND AND ASK THE TREES FOR CITIES TEAM ANY QUESTIONS

THERE WILL BE A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO BEING FILMED ON THE DAY, SO SEEK OUT THE CAMERAMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE

Edible Playgrounds
by Trees for Cities

When : Friday 21st June
(changed from 28th June due to availability)

Where: Kennington Park

Details: 9.15-12.30 pm, plenty of water, coloured T-shirt for your team. Further details to follow.

Term 6 Key Dates for June 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019	**Term 6 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Monday 3rd June 2019	After School Provision at the Oval yr 4 & 5	3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Mini Athletics	9.30 – 3.00pm La Retraite School
Thursday 6th June 2019	YR6 at Into University	9.30
Friday 7th June 2019	Year 4 Tate Britain	am
Friday 7th June 2019	EYFS Welcome morning	9 – 10am
Friday 7th June 2019	Bike riding skills YR5	1.10 – 2.20pm
Monday 10th June 2019	Gifted & Talented sports day YR 5/6	9.30 – 3.00pm Tooting Bec Park
Monday 10th June 2019	After School Provision at the Oval YR 4/5	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 11th June 2019	YR 5 Trip to Tate Britain	am
Tuesday 11th June 2019	Into University YR4 Careers Workshop	1 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 12th June 2019	YR4 at the Oval	10.30 – 12pm
Wednesday 12th June 2019	G & T Sports Day Years 5 and 6	Tooting Bec Track
Friday 14th June 2019	Year 5 Boys' visit to Dulwich College	
Friday 14th June 2019	YR3 trip to Tate Britain	am
Friday 14th June 2019	Bike riding skills YR5	1.10 – 2.20pm
Friday 14th June 2019	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Monday 17th June 2019	YR1 to Tate Britain	9.30 – 12.00
Monday 17th June 2019	After school provision at the Oval YR 4/5	3.30 – 6pm
Tuesday 18th June 2019	Class Photos	
Friday 21st June 2019	Sports Day	
Friday 21st June 2019	Bike riding skills YR5	1.10 – 2.20pm
Sunday 23rd June 2019	YR6 trip to Kingswood(Isle of Wight)	
Monday 24th June 2019	Vision screening reception	9.30 - 12
Monday 24th June 2019	After school provision at the Oval YR4/5	3.30 – 6pm
Monday 24th June 2019	Visits to Durning Library	
Wednesday 26th June 2019	Maths Master Class	
Thursday 27th June 2019	Year 1 and 2 Transition Picnic	
Friday 28th June 2019	Bike riding skills YR5	1.10 – 2.20pm
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1-4pm tbc

Whole Class School Photos

will be on Tuesday 18th June 2019. Please ensure your child wears FULL uniform to school on this day. Thank you!

If your child has PE on this day, please bring to school in a bag.

Important school dates

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

V&A Museum – Hands on Discovery Areas

Sat 8th & Sun 9th June, 10.00am – 7.45pm / FREE (Ages 3+)

V& A Museum, Cromwell Rd, London, SW7 2RL / 020 7942 2000 / www.vam.ac.uk

Dance with a Venetian Harlequin in the ballrooms of Europe, daw and decorate your own silver trophy, or try on a medieval gauntlet. From digital interactives to touch objects and films there is lots to do, make, try on and find in our galleries. Look for the hands-on exhibits symbol on the V& A map

V&A Museum of Childhood – Free activities

Sat 8th & Sun 9th June - FREE, drop-in, for all ages unless otherwise stated.

Cambridge Heath Rd, E2 9PA / Nearest Tube: Bethnal Green

Sat 8th June 10.45 – 11.30 & 12.00 – 12.45 – **Open Play** - Touch, move and explore – an open-ended play session in a bespoke environment created by artist Albert Potrony.

Sat 8th June 2.00 – 4.00pm **Arts & Crafts** - Get creative with our drop-in sessions, and make a piece of art inspired by the Museum's collection to take home

Sun 9th June 10.30am **Animal Magic** (18 months – 5 years) Join our interactive storytelling inspired by well-loved animal tales.

Sun 9th June 11.30 – 12.45pm - **Play at the Museum** - Come and have a go at toys you can find on display at these themed sessions highlighting areas of the Collection

Sun 9th June 2.00pm **Telling Tales** - Listen to storytelling featuring popular children's tales. Children can help tell the story in this interactive session

Sun 9th June 2.40 – 4.00pm **Arts & Crafts** - Get creative with our drop-in sessions, and make a piece of art inspired by the Museum's collection to take home

Museum of London - D-Day 75th Anniversary events for families

Sat 8th June, 10am – 6pm / FREE (all ages) www.museumoflondon.org.uk

150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN / 020 7001 9844

Join us to hear incredible stories, take a special D-Day tour or join in with some object handling. All talks are free and do not require booking

11.30am – Storytelling: 'The amazing story of Adolphus Tips' / 1pm – D-Day tour / 3pm – Object Handling / 4pm – D-Day tour

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11.15am – William Ware: Painting the Blitz talk / 115pm – D-Day & the Docks talk / 2.15pm – D-Day tour 4.15pm – D-Day talk