Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News
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'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Governors,

The School Council's Trip to the Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday, the school council were lucky enough to be able to visit the Houses of Parliament.

Firstly, we were given a tour around the palace and introduced to areas such as - The Monarchy, The House of Lords and The House of Commons. We visited lots of different rooms, including the room where the Queen gets ready for a ceremony. Another room we visited was in The House of Lords where Lords and Baronesses have debates.

After that, we were in a workshop that involved learning the process of how a new law is created. Finally, we were given the opportunity to watch a live debate in The House of Commons. The visit gave us a fantastic insight into how our democratic system works. Written By **Jacob, Norrissa** and **Jeremy** (The School Councillors)

Value of the Week

OUR CORE VALUES–TRUST

BIBLE VERSE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; acknowledge Him in all your ways and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs.3:5-6

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery—	52.22%
Reception-	91.3%
Year 1 -	92.8%
Year 2—	90.38%
Year 3—	96.13%
Year 4—	94.83%
Year 5—	96.0%
Year 6—	95.33

WELL DONE

To the following classes hitting over 96.%

Year 3 & Year 5

Lets all work together as a team to get the overall school attendance above 96.5%

It's all fun and games in SUPERKIDS

I am pleased to tell you that we have had a few more children joining us at SUPERKIDS this term. There are still places at the reduced price of £8 per day or £35 for the whole week. Siblings will be £7 per day (2 siblings = £15 per day)

The children love participating in the free choice of activities every day & also sports in the school hall. On Fridays we spend some time helping with homework.

Please speak to Natasha in the school office for more details.

My personal opinion about SUPERKIDS is that is a fantastic club with a variety of games and yummy food. If you are a child who enjoys their food, then this is the place to be. Mrs Natasha prepares a hot meal for us all every day. We also support each other and suggest different ways to conquer our problems or even fears during everyday life.

Come and join us, you will be most welcome!!

Yours sincerely

James - Year 6

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had an amazing term of After School Clubs and sadly they have all come to an end this week (last club Friday 8th December) Please remember to pick up your children next week at 3.30pm unless you would like them to attend SUPERKIDS (After Care Club) which is available from 3.30pm—6pm. Please register at the school office.

The last day for Superkids is Wednesday 20th December.
The final day of term is Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm. This will be own clothes day, so please can you contribute £1

Have no fear! We will be returning in the New Year with even more new exciting clubs. Registrations will be taking place in January 2018, so look out for the letters with more information.

What Clubs will be on after Christmas ?....

- ART & DESIGN
- AFRICAN CHESS
- BASKETBALL
- CHOIR
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- COOKERY
- DODGEBALL

All these amazing opportunities are for you to try and enjoy. Look out for more news on clubs from

Ms Bee

- FOOTBALL
- GYMNASTICS
- HOMEWORK
- MATHS
- SPANISH
- TEXTILES
- ULTIMATE FRIZBY

What's has been happening at St Mark's...

Years 1-6 enjoyed a theatre production of Aladdin

Year 6 took a trip to Durning Library

KS2 ART Club preparing to make and decorate amazing Christmas

Year 3 were involved in Gardening Club

Christmas Dates

Monday 11th December

Year 6 and Reception height & weight measurements

Wednesday 13th December

Reception and Nursery Nativity 2.30pm in the school hall

Followed by drinks and mince pies

Tuesday 14th December

Nursery Trip to Oval House Theatre 10.45am - 12.00pm

Friday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm in the school hall

Followed by drinks and mince pies

Wednesday 20th December

St Mark's Carol Service led by KS2 9.30am at

St Mark's Church. All Are Welcome!

Wednesday 20th December

St Mark's School Christmas Craft Market 3.30pm - 4.30pm

A chance to buy last minute gifts for the family.

Thursday 21st December

Last Day of term. School Finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th January 2018

Happy New Year! Beginning of Term 3. School starts at 8.55am

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Institute of Imagination - Lab Life: Making a Movement

Saturday 9th Dec, 10am – 12.30pm & 1.30 – 4pm, FREE (3 – 10 yrs with parent / carer)

The Workshop, 26 Lambeth High St, London, SE1 7AG / 020 7494 9153

Nearest tube: Vauxhall (12mins walk), Westminster (15mins walk)

Explore the topic of 'Making a Movement' through programming, light, movement, robotics and coding experiments. You can make moving Christmas light boxes, giant drawings and your own moving Santa's sledge. *Register for FREE tickets at* ***www.ioi.london/event/lambeth-community-programme***

Crafty Fox Christmas Market

Saturday 9th Dec & Sunday 10th December, 11am – 5pm, FREE admission (All Ages)

CLF Arts Café @ The Bussey Building, 133 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15 5TH / www.craftyfoxmarket.co.uk

Crafty Fox Market is back in Peckham for festive fun for the 7th year running! Join us at the Bussey Building and shop from over 60 unique makers per day (120 over the 2 days), selling a mix of jewellery, art prints, ceramics, textiles, clothing, accessories and gifts. There will be mulled wine behind the bar, DJs spinning tunes all day plus a range of creative workshops. Check the website for full trader listings. Entry is free and children are welcome. Small, well behaved dogs are allowed

African Christmas Market

Saturday 9th Dec, midday – 9pm **& Sunday 10th December**, midday – 6pm, FREE admission (All Ages)

Great Suffolk Street, Southwark, London, SE1 0LR / www.africacentre.org.uk / Nearest tube: Southwark

Add some African sparkle to your Christmas shopping this year! The African Christmas Market will feature an incredible seasonal offering of African and Caribbean food, craft, fashion and jewellery stalls; gospel choirs; a special Santa's Grotto and kids' activities; Christmas lights; warming drinks and seasonal surprises

Crystal Palace Winterfest

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th Dec 12pm – 10pm, FREE admission (All ages)

Crystal Palace Park, The Italian Terrace, Ledrington Road, SE19 2GA

Nearest Train: Crystal Palace or Penge

Spend a fun-filled family day out at Crystal Palace Winterfest in Crystal Palace Park this Christmas.

Browse the Noel Market for alternative Christmas gifts and children will love venturing into Santa's grotto or exploring Toy Land, full of fun and games.

Southbank Centre – Tomorrow's Warriors Ensembles Winter Showcase

Sunday 10th Dec, 12.30pm– 2.30pm (approx.) FREE (All Ages)

Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, London, SE1 8XX / www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Nearest Tube: Waterloo / Embankment

To celebrate 25 years of delivering top quality music education for young people from diverse backgrounds based in London and around the country, Tomorrow's Warriors - the UK's leading Jazz development agency and Southbank Centre's Youth Jazz Company - are going all out with a very special end-of-year showcase event, featuring all of TW's Frontline performance ensembles

Messy Church at St Paul's & St Saviour's

Sunday 10th Dec, 3.30 – 5.30pm, FREE (All Ages)

St Paul's with St Saviour's Community Centre, 24 Blenheim Gds, Brixton, SW2 5BZ

www.stpaulsbrixton.com/messy-church / 020 7788 7259

Arts, crafts, games, stories, songs and food; messy fun for the whole family, all welcome!