Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

8th September 2023

'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.'

Welcome back to school!

It has been a really positive beginning to the term and we welcome all of our new families to St Mark's. The children have been getting to know their new teachers and teaching assistants and learning more about the expectations and routines within their new year group. Many of the Key Stage Two children have signed up to Monitor positions that they are interested in leading and they will find out their new roles next week.

Already teachers are making arrangement for the term ahead. Next week, class bulletins for Autumn Term 1 will be sent out to you, which will outline information about what is to be learnt during the term. In two week's time there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher in person. Please look at your diary dates within this newsletter to find out when this and other events and activities will be taking place.

We are here to help

Again this year, we look forward to doing all we can to support our children as they begin school and return to school. Across the school this will include: counselling, dramatherapy, speech and language groups, English as an additional language support, 1-1 tuition, small group tuition, interventions, ECH plan provision, social skills groups, pastoral support and mentoring all in addition to high quality class-based teaching and learning.' We will be working very closely with our external partners which include the Lambeth's Autism Advisory Service, Educational Psychologists and Speech and Language therapists.

Key People who are available to support you this term are:

Mr Ingram—Head teacher

Ms Nickola Roye—Assistant Head for Inclusion

Mr Alastair Laws acting Assistant Head for Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Mrs Natasha Guy—Home liaison officer and working with parents and families

Mr Emmanuel Okuromade—Sports Coach and Pastoral Support **Nicola Wolfe** – Educational Psychologists

VALUE OF THE WEEK

New beginnings &

school Values

BIBLE VERSE

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:4-5

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Office Notices

School Dinners

ISS Education are our catering provider and will be providing our school dinners

From September 2023, all primary school children who attend state schools from Reception to Year 6in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year. Please click here to see letter from Mayor of London.

NURSERY CHILDREN NOT ENTITLED TO FSM will have to pay for their meal

School Meals cost will remain £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week.

Please pay on ParentPay in advance to keep your dinner account in credit and prevent reminders

We actively encourage all families who think they are eligible to apply, as this will grant additional support within school through the Pupil Premium funding. To apply please click here and return the completed form to the office or obtain a form from the office. Families on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to Pupil premium.

If your circumstances have changes, please communicate to the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8am every day for £2.50 per child per day (£12.50 per week).

Payments via ParentPay. Please contact the office for an application form or click here.

After school clubs

will start w/c Monday 25th September.

Full information will provided next week.

Up To Date Pupil Records

In order to adhere to our safeguarding duty, please update your child's details on our Pupil Records Form

https://forms.gle/kT4Dm11XEe1g9vedA

We request for this form to be completed at the start of each year to ensure we have your latest details on file to contact you for regular and emergency situations. We also require your child's updated medical details and the details of the adults you permit to collect your child/ren so we can make sure they only leave with a person identified by you.

PARENTPAY WORKSHOP

A ParentPay workshop will be provided to show parents how to pay using parent pay

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

9:00 TO 9.30 AM .

Activation letters for new parents will be sent during next week.

ParentPay
COUNT ON US

SCHOOL VALUES & POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SYSTEMS

ST MARK'S
Church of England Primary School

Chart

C – Compassion

H – Hard Work

A – Accountability

R – Respect

T – Trust

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Being Joyful and Positive

Accountability and Leadership

Self-Control and Collaboration

Kindness and Compassion

Effort and Hardwork

What happens if you make the wrong choice? If you don't' follow the class or school rules?

White= a warning (although a verbal warning may have been give before this.)

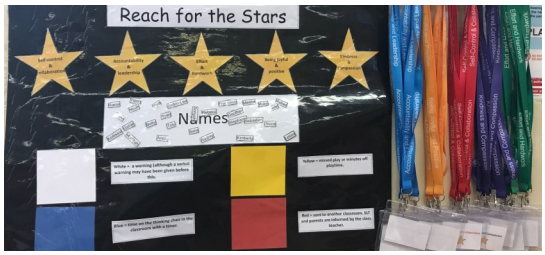
Blue = time on the thinking chair in the classroom with a timer.

Yellow = missed play or minutes of playtime.

Red = sent to another class-room. SLT and parents are in-formed by the class teacher.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARDS

Lanyards



Pebble Jar

Badges

15 Lanyards = Bronze Badge

30 Lanyards = Silver Badge

50 Lanyards = Gold Badges

School Uniform

- Black school shoes. Please do not purchase black trainers
- A blue shirt or polo shirt. We are happy if children purchase these from a store rather than purchase the one with the school logo, as it works out far cheaper. Make sure it is the correct colour
- A grey skirt or grey trousers
- A school sweatshirt or cardigan
- A book bag / A school bag
- PE kit is white t-shirt or polo shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms. Please avoid branded items and cycling shorts. PE kit should only be worn on PE days
- Please can children not wear jewellery to school, apart from stud ear-rings for health and safety purposes
- Hair bands must be simple and preferably in the school colours. Avoid hair accessories—large, colourful bows etc.
- NO SMART WATCHES ARE TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL PLEASE

School Days

Breakfast club
8.00 am to 8.50 am

After School clubs
3.30 pm to 4.25 pm

School Starts / End:

School gates open: 8:45 am

ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION

EYFS & KS1: 8:55am - 3:20pm (Monday to Friday) KS 1 Parents are to remain with children until the bell sounds

KS2 : 8:55 - 3:25 pm (Monday to Friday) Please be on time!

Health & Safety requirement:

When dropping off and collecting your child, please do not stop at any time by the entrance gates, keep moving, as it is blocking the way to others and it is against H&S, which we all have to adhere to.

Absences & Sickness:

If your child is unwell, please notify the school via phone or email and state the reason for the child's absence.

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2023/24 - Term 1

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday 6th September 2023	Children return to school	
Thursday 7th September 2023	Literacy Lab resumes	
Thursday 7th September 2023	A staggered start in Reception Class	
Monday 11th September 2023	A staggered start in Nursery Class	
Monday 11th September 2023	Sycamore Class visiting CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Arrive at school by 7.00am
Tuesday 12th September 2023	School Gardeners are in for prep work	
Tuesday 12th September 2023	Sycamore Class return from CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Return by 4.30-5.00pm tbc
Tuesday 12th September 2023	Year 6 Willow Class resume ICT sessions and Cricket Coaching at the Kia Oval	Afternoons PE kit needed
Wednesday 13th September 2023	Year 5 and 6 Music Lessons resume	Cello and Clarinet
Thursday 14th September 2023	Year 3 and 4 Music Lessons resume	Recorder
Thursday 14th September 2023	Chess resumes	Year 4
Thursday 14h September 2022	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents of children in Year 5 and 6 at 9.00am	Representatives from a number of local secondary schools will be attending
Monday 18th September 2023	Swimming starts with Year 5	See separate details
Friday 15th September 2023	Meet the teacher meeting for Reception parents 3.00-3.20	In the school hall
Monday 18th September 2023	Meet the teacher meeting for Year 1 parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Tuesday 19th September 2023	ParentPay Workshop	9.00 to 9.30 am Art Room
Tuesday 19th September 2023	Meet the teacher meetings Year 2 parents 9.00-9.20 Year 3 parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Wednesday 20th September 2023	Meet the teacher meetings Year 4 parents 9.00-9.20 Nursery parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Thursday 21st September 2023	Meet the teacher meetings Year 6 9.00-9.20 Year 5 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Monday 25th th September 2023	After School Clubs Commence	Pay in advance via parent pay
25th September 2023	Harvest Festival Week	Collection of food to donate to local food banks
Tuesday 26th September 2022	Coffee and Cake Welcome Morning	Led by Tash

St Mark's C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn Term 2023/24 -Term 1

Monday 16th October 2023	Flu immunization yr rec – yr 6	
Wednesday 11th October 2023	Parents' Evening	Further details to follow
Thursday 12th October 2023	Parents Evening	Further details to follow
Friday 20st October 2023	Culture Day Children to wear cultural clothing or the national flag colours.	After school event involving food and music from around the world
w/c 23rd -27th Oct 2023	Half Term	
Monday 30th October 2023	Term 2 Begins	

Join the St. Mark's Family
Nursery Spaces available

If you are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place or to find out more about the school, please contact us to arrange an informal tour of the school.

t 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 our pupils with a rigorous, yet inspirational, all-round education. We aim to challenge and engage all pupils during their learning journeys at St Mark's and prepare them for their lives beyond the school.

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.

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St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2023-24

	September 2023				
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

	October 2023					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
We		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

	November 2023				
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

	December 2023				
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
We d		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

	January 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

	February 2024				
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

	March 2024				
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

	April 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

	May 2024				
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

	June 2024				
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

	July 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

	August 2024				
Mon		5	13	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

Term Dates for 2023-24

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days

Advice & Support

Oasis centre

THE small PROJECT

Providing and promoting a sustainable, supportive sharing economy and service in our community.

We share good quality, pre-loved children's clothing, toys, buggies, & larger baby items for those needing some extra support. Users can recycle their bundles by coming back to us as their child grows. All our items are donated by others in the community.

We operate on Thursday mornings, in the Oasis Playspace, SE1

Referrals

You can be referred by any professional who is working with, or get in touch if you'd like to find out more and self-refer, www.oasiswaterloo.org/smallproject

Oasis hub waterloo

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How to find us

Tube: Lambeth North (Bakerloo Line)
Bus stop A (Kennington Road):
59, 159, N159
Bus stop B (Westminster Bridge Road):
12, 53, 148, 453, C10, N53, N155

You can also find us online!

oasiswaterloo.org

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera and click the link to see our page for more details and all of our referral forms!

COMMUNITY SPACE

We run The Oasis Centre, an open access community space.

VISIT US — 1 Kennington Road, SE1 7QP. Open Monday-Friday; 10am-4pm. To see our events, activities, and more information please visit www.flowcode.com/page/oasiscentre or scan the QR code.

DEBT AND BENEFITS ADVICE

Our team of independent debt and benefits advisors are here to support you with advice, form filling, and more.

VISIT US — Drop in sessions every Friday 10am-12pm at the Oasis Centre. No appointment needed.

SELF REFERRAL — You can also make a referral for 1-1 support using the form at oasiswaterloo.org/advice

IMMIGRATION ADVICE

We are now registered to offer OISC 1 Immigration Advice, with signposting and referral support.

VISIT US — Drop in sessions every Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm at the Oasis Centre. No appointment needed.

OTHER SUPPORT AT OASIS

To find out more about our youth work, community and families support, and more, check out our website: oasiswaterloo.org/what-we-do