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The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

9th January 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.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I would like to extend a particular welcome to our new families in Nursery and other year groups. Thank you for choosing St Mark's! May we all know and experience the help, blessing and guidance of the Lord in 2023, both within school and within our families.

There is a lot to squeeze in during this short term. Tomorrow or the day after you will receive your child' class termly bulletins. Teachers have been busy planning a range of learning opportunities for the children. Try to engage your child in further learning and activities linked to the topics that will be taught, whilst at home.

Bus strikes are planned throughout January. Please plan your journey ahead.
More info on page 5

Parent School Association (PSA)

We aim to revive our school Parent Staff Association (PSA) which is our body that arranges fundraising events and opportunities for the school. Please look out for details, which will be emailed through to you in the next few days. A meeting will be held next Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 9.00am.

Applying for a Reception Place September 2023

Now is the time to apply for your child's primary school place if your child has been born **between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.**

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

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Digital Flourishing

Be content/ good to be me

BIBLE VERSE

"Be content with what you have."

Hebrews 13.5

ATTENDANCE NEWS

N - 93.41%
R - 90.34%
1 - 94.29%
2 - 95.56%
3 - 88.0%
4 - 91.67%
5 - 97.6%
6 - 86.96%
Total - 92.16%

Attendance & Punctuality

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back and welcome to all our new families!

Our overall attendance this week is **92.16% . Please continue to do your best to ensure children are on time and in school**

Thank you

Mrs Natasha

Term 3 School diary dates

See below some important dates for your diary: parents' evening music concerts, Parents' workshops...

Monday 9th January 2023	Year 4 Palm Class start swimming	
Monday 9th January 2023	Transport for London in to Speak to Year 6	
Tuesday 10th January 2023	Lambeth Music service resumes – Nursery to Year 2	
Tuesday 10th January 2023	N- Year 2 Music resumes from Lambeth Music Service	
Tuesday 10th January 2023	Year 5 Sycamore Class begin Cricket coaching and computing at Kia Oval	
Wednesday 11th January 2023	Cello and Violin Tuition begins for Years 5 Sycamore and Year 6 Willow Class	
Thursday 12th January 2023	Violin Tuition begins for Year 3 Olive and Year 4 Palm Classes	
Sunday 15th January 2021	Deadline for Reception Class admissions 2023	Apply by midnight
w/c Monday 16th January 2023	After School Clubs commence	
Tuesday 17th January 2023	Parent School Association (PSA Launch)	Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer selected and volunteers engaged
Thursday 19th January 2023	YRS 5 Dodgeball Competition- tbc	Brixton Rec
Tuesday 24th January 2023	School Gardeners resume	
Wednesday 25th January 2023	Parent's Coffee Morning –Led by the Lambeth Autism Advisory Service	9 – 10.00
Thursday 26th January 2023	Year 3 Olive Class visiting Balham Mandir as part of their work on Hinduism	Morning
Thursday 26th January 2023	Year 3 and 4 Music concert for Parents	2.50pm Start
Friday 27th January 2023	EYFS Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception Parents	9.00-10.30am
Friday 27th January 2023	Year 5 Sycamore Class visiting the British Museum for a Mayan exhibition	
Thursday 2nd February 2023	Year 4 Palm Class out to British Museum as part of focus on Ancient Greece	Leaving in the morning and back by 1.00pm
Thursday 2nd February 2023	Year 2 Oak Class out to Vauxhall City Farm as part of science focus on habitats	
Tuesday 7th February 2023	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 8th February 2023	Parents Evening	3.00-5.30pm
Thursday 9th February 2023	Parents Evening	3.30-5.00pm
Friday 10th February 2023	Year 4 Palm Class Ancient Greece Day	
Friday 10th February 2023	Year 3 Olive Club Ancient China Day	
Friday 10th February 2023	Parent and Staff Football	9.00 at the school gates
Friday 10th February 2023	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 20th February 2023	Term 4 Begins	

After School Clubs Spring Term 2023

St Mark's Afterschool Clubs for SPRING Term 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extracurricular activities for the after school clubs this term for pupils in Year 1 to 6.

After school clubs for the Spring Term will **begin w/c Monday 16th January 2023 and will run for 9 weeks, ending on Friday 24th March 2023.**

The cost for each club is £3.00 per week but only 9 weeks will need to be paid this term. The total cost for this term will be £27.00 per club.

All payments will be via ParentPay. Please log on to Parent Pay to book your child/children's places **by Wednesday 11th January 2023**. If you need any assistance booking online, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Please note these conditions apply to all clubs:

- Clubs have limited spaces and are booked **on a first-come first-serve basis.**

Places cannot be booked if you owe any money to the school (e.g. school dinners, breakfast club, arrears/late fees) – please ensure this debt is cleared to allow your child to be assigned to clubs.

Please collect your child on time or give permission for them to go home alone

(Y6 only – must be 10 years).

Children who are not collected promptly on more than three occasions will be unable to continue to participate in the chosen club and will be charged a late fee.

Your child's place in any club is not guaranteed until full payment has been received and confirmed.

Those entitled to a discount will need to pay the full amount for the clubs selected and a refund will be made through via ParentPay.

Children are expected to behave and comply with all the school rules. Those who are unable to do so will be removed from the club without refund.

Only those children attending a club can stay. **Siblings must be collected at 3.30pm**.

Please provide your child with a light healthy snack & drink and ensure they have the correct kit

Clubs finish at 4.25pm (Except Taekwondo for KS2 at 4.45pm).

Yours sincerely,

St Mark's Primary School

St Mark's CE Primary School

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING 2023

Clubs are 3.30-4.25pm, except * Taekwon-Do on Wednesdays **3.30pm-4.45pm**

Clubs will be **only £3.00**** per session! (£27.00 per this 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.

9 weeks of clubs

CLUBS FROM MONDAY 16TH January to FRIDAY 24TH March

DAY & CLUB	AVAILABLE TO YEARS	Places Available	Club Cost
MONDAY			
BADMINTON	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.00
SEWING	Years 1 - 2	12	£27.00
TUESDAY			
DODGEBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.00
ART & CRAFTS	Years 1- 6	15	**PE KIT** £27.00
WEDNESDAY			
MULTISPORTS	Years 1 – 3	16	**PE KIT** £24.00
RECORDER	Years 4 - 6	14	£27.00
*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			
CHESS	Years 3-6	16	£27.00
GYMNASTICS	Years 1-3	15	**PE KIT** £27.00
FRIDAY			
FOOTBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £27.00
HOMEWORK	Years 2 – 6	15	£27.00

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.

NOTICES & EVENTS

Better Start Lambeth provides a wide range of services for entitled families.

Click here for full document and Spring 2023 timetable. You can also visit the school web-site for full information.

We all have times in our lives when we need help, support and advice. Please don't feel alone, help is at hand.

Confidential, one to one support is available for families with children under five. Services can be adapted to meet individual needs, including:

- Support to apply for the 2 year old free early learning offer
- Support to apply for the 30 hour free childcare offer for 3&4 year olds.
- Family learning activities
- Parenting Support Services
- Employment or training advice
- Benefits information and advice
- Housing information and advice
- Signposting to specialist services
- Reducing isolation and much more

Contact Lian Pitt from our Better Start Team on 07561 820 608 or email: lpitt@betterstartnorthlambeth.org.uk

Or alternatively, please speak to one of our staff in the centre today.

giving your child a better start Lambeth

Bus strikes

There are strikes planned on Abellio bus services, with TfL warning commuters to expect disruption.

The action will be on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 January**
- **Tuesday 10 January**
- **Thursday 12 January**
- **Monday 16 January**
- **Thursday 19 January**
- **Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 January**

The following routes will be affected:

- **Day routes – 3, 27, 45, 63, 68, 109, 130, 156, 195, 196, 201, 207, 267, 270, 278, 315, 322, 350, 367, 381, 407, 415, 427, 433, 464, 482, 490, 969, C10, E5, E7, E10, E11, H20, H25, H28, H26, P5, P13, R68, R70, S4, U5, U7, U9**

  Route 481 will operate but with fewer services on weekdays from 7.30am-8am, and from 3pm-4pm.
- **24-hour routes – 24, 111, 159, 285, 344, 345**
- **Night routes – N3, N27, N63, N68, N109, N207, N381**

School routes – 671

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL ABOUT CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

Please ensure to phone or e-mail the school office if your child is not well enough to come to school or notify any other reason for the absence.

Tel. 020 7735 1467 or admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you, a neighbour, a friend or a relative are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for this academic year or a Nursery or Reception space for September 2023, please contact us to express your interest, complete an application form and arrange an informal tour of the school.

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 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.

Phone: 020 7735 1467

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

Web: www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk

Twitter: @StMarks_Lambeth

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

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St Mark's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2022-23

Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

Sep-22						
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Oct-22						
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Nov-22						
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Dec-22						
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Jan-23						
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Feb-23						
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Mar-23						
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Apr-23						
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May-23						
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Jun-23						
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Jul-23						
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Aug-23						
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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET