Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly Newsletter

9th September 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.'

Welcome back to school! The children have had an excellent first week in their new classes and with their new teachers . They have settled well and are already back into the swing of things. A big welcome to all families new to St Mark's. We are very pleased to have you with us. As always, we are dependent upon the support of all parents and carers and trust that you will work in partnership with the school, so that children will flourish during their time at St Mark's.

The school newsletter is emailed out to parents on a fortnightly basis. This edition contains lots of important information, so please read carefully. Next week you will receive a termly class bulletin outlining what will be taught this term and during the w/c 19th September, you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Important events for next week: **Monday 12th September—Parentpay workshop and 15th September Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents, both at 9.00am in the school hall.**

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
Mrs Eade—Deputy Head
Ms Annie Winter—SENCO Manager
Mrs Natasha Guy—Pastoral Support and working with parents and families
Mr Emmanuel Okuromade—Sports Coach and Pastoral Support
Louise Spurdell—Speech and Language Therapist
Georgina Wilkinson—Dramatherapist
Nicola Wolfe –Educational Psychologists
We will make direct contact with families next week to discuss plans and support

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

N - 97.67%
R - 89.9%
1 - 92.18%
2 - 95.3%
3 - 89.68%
4 - 88.89%
5 - 89.78%
6 - 96.14%
Whole sch - 91.95%

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter.

I have a Challenge for you All

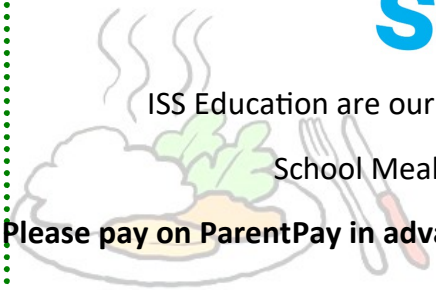
Can we get our whole school attendance to **96% by the end of this month?** I believe we can do it!!

I have started to notice an increase of children arriving after 8.55am. Children arriving late is unsettling & disrupts the start of their day.

Thank you.
Mrs Natasha

Office Notices

School Dinners



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

School Meals cost £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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We actively encourage all families who think they are eligible to apply for free school meals, as this will ensure that your child not only receives a free meal but also grants 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 free school meals.

If you already have FMS, no need to reapply.

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.

Healthy Packed Lunches and Water

If your child wishes to bring a **PACKED LUNCH** to school, please ensure the office are informed in advance and that it is Healthy (no sweets, cakes, fizzy drinks etc). Click here for details.

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/PrgbRdZq5BkUdzDt7

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

PARENTPAY WORKHOP

Bibiana and Natasha from the office will be available to show parents how to pay using parent pay

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

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 and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms. Please avoid branded items. PE kit should only be worn on PE days
- Please can children not wear jewellery to school, apart from stud earrings for health and safety purposes
- Hair bands must be simple and preferably in the school colours. Avoid hair accessories—large, colourful bows etc.

PE DAYS

CLASS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reception					
Year 1					
Year 2					
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5	Swimming				
Year 6		Cricket Oval			

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN 2022

Clubs run from 3.30 pm to 4.25pm, except * Taekwon-Do on Wednesdays **3.30pm-4.45pm**

Clubs will be **only £3.00**** per session! (£33.00 per term) ****First 2 Clubs half price for Pupil Premium**

Children **MUST** wear **PE kits** for **all** sport activities.

Payment and bookings should be made on ParentPay on a first-come first-serve basis.

11 weeks of clubs

DAY & CLUB	AVAILABLE TO YEARS	Places Available	Club Cost
MONDAY			
TENNIS	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £33.00
ART & CRAFT	Years 1 - 6	20	£33.00
TUESDAY			
DODGEBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £33.00
COOKING KS 1	Years 1 - 3	15	£33.00
WEDNESDAY			
MULTISPORTS	Years 1 – 3	20	**PE KIT** £33.00
RECORDER CLUB	Years 4 - 6	15	
*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			
FRIDAY			
FOOTBALL	Years 3 – 6	20	**PE KIT** £33.00
HOMEWORK	Years 2 – 6	15	£33.00

Clubs will START the week commencing Monday 19th September 2022

Last week of clubs will be the week ending Friday 9th December 2022

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 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 – AUTUMN 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Mark's Afterschool Clubs for AUTUMN Term 2022

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 Autumn Term will **begin w/c 19th September 2022 and will run for 11 weeks, ending on Friday 9th December 2022.**

The cost for each club is £3.00 per week. The total cost for this term will be £33.00 per club.

All payments will be via ParentPay. Please log on to Parent Pay to book your child/children's places **by Wednesday 14th September 2022**. 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 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 C of E Primary School Term Dates for Autumn 2022/23 - Term 1

Date	Event	Details
Monday 12th September 2022	Year 5 visiting CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Arrive at school by 7.00am
Monday 12th September	Parentpay workshop at drop off from 9.00am	Natasha and Bibiana
Tuesday 13th September 2022	School Gardeners are in for prep work	
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Year 5 return from CYE Sailing Centre in Chichester	Return by 4.30-5.00pm tbc
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Year 6 Willow Class resume ICT sessions and Cricket Coaching at the Kia Oval	Afternoons PE kit needed
Wednesday 14th September 2022	Year 5 and 6 Music Lessons resume	Cello and Clarinet
Thursday 15th September 2022	Year 3 and 4 Music Lessons resume	Recorder
Thursday 15th September 2022	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents of children in Year 5 and 6	Representatives from a number of local secondary schools will be attending
Friday 16th September 2022	Meet the teacher meeting for Reception parents 9.00-9.20	In the school hall
19th September 2022	After School Clubs Commence	Pay in advance via parent pay
Monday 19th September 2022	Swimming starts with Year 5	See separate details
Monday 19th September 2022	Meet the teacher meeting for Year 1 parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Tuesday 20th September 2022	Meet the teacher meetings Year 2 parents 9.00-9.20 Year 3 parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Year 2 Oak Class visiting St Mark's Church	
Wednesday 21st September 2022	Year 3 Olive Class out to the Natural History Museum	As part of their work on Roman archaeology Parents needed
Wednesday 21st September	Meet the teacher meetings Year 4 parents 9.00-9.20 Nursery parents 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
Thursday 22nd September 2022	Action Breaks Silence begins with Year 5 at 1.15pm	
Thursday 22nd September 2022	Meet the teacher meetings Year 6 9.00-9.20 Year 5 3.00 – 3.20	In the school hall
27th September 2022	Harvest Festival Week	Collection of food to donate to local food banks
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Coffee and Cake Welcome Morning	Led by Tash and Annie 9-10am
Wednesday 28th September	Action Tutoring resumes for children in Year 6 Willow Class	
Friday 30th September 2022	PSHE parent workshop Led by Mrs Eade	Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 welcome at 9:00am
Friday 30th September 2022	Year 2 Oak Class out to the Museum of London	Visiting Galleries linked to the Great Fire of London
Tuesday 4th October 2022	Class Gardening begins with Bill and Steve	Groups from across the school
Wednesday 5th October 2022	1-1 Tuition for Year 6 begins	8:30 – 9:30
Thursday 6th October – Wednesday 12th October	Book Fair	In Portacabin from 3:20 – 3:40 daily
Monday w/c 10th October 2022	Year 6 involved in Into University	
Wednesday 12th October 2022	Parents' Evening	Further details to follow
Thursday 13th October 2022	Parents Evening	Further details to follow
Friday 21st October 2022	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 24th -28th Oct 2022	Half Term	
31st October 2022	Term 2 Begins	

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

Term Dates for 2022-23

Please find the term dates for the academic year.

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School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Pupil Days | INSET Days | Half Day INSET

Join the St. Mark's Family

Nursery Spaces available

If you are interested in a free, full-time Nursery Class place for September 2022 or to find out more about the school, please contact us to 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.

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