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.'

Reception Admissions

Please remember to complete the online application form for your child's Reception 2017 space by following the link https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have got off to a fantastic start in Term 3. So many things are planned for the Spring Term and I direct you to the dates attached to this newsletter so that you are aware of all that is going on.

You should have by now received your child's class bulletin, which outlines the class targets and the areas of curriculum coverage that your child will be focusing on this term. Please extend your child's learning through visits around London, research, trips to the library etc to further extend their learning outside of school.

Within this newsletter you will see that children at St Mark's have been very active in providing feedback about how we can further improve the school. We hope to soon set up a Parents Council to take your feedback on aspects of school improvement

Value of the Week

Value of the week:

'Compassion'

Bible Verse of the week:

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3.8

Parent Staff Association meeting at 9.00am on Friday 20th January 2017 in the Art Room.

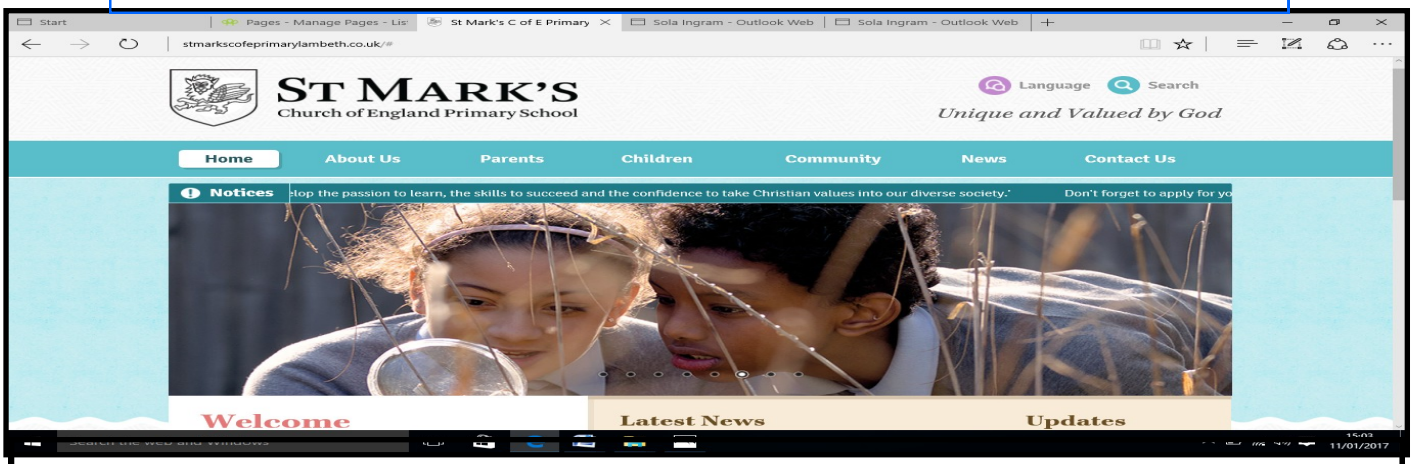
Feedback from Worship Monitors

- The messages in CW make them think and are clear
- They like the slideshows and pictures- helps them to focus
- They would like more pupil involvement 'more like Reverend Steve's assemblies!!!'
- They like the new songs but would also like to learn other new songs and not repeat older CDs
- They think songs should be linked to the CW messages more
- They think CW should be longer!!
- Special days should be celebrated more
- Singing assemblies should be reintroduced
- They would like the Bible verse of the week re -introduced

Feedback from the School Council

- They enjoyed trips and felt they helped them to learn as well as being fun
- They want more school journeys
- Felt they are encouraged to be independent learners in class
- Would like more 4 square boxes in the play ground
- Believe behaviour in class and the playground has improved
- Felt they could sometimes be challenged more in class, especially in maths
- They believe they are working hard and have a positive attitude towards learning
- They felt that the old ICT room should be put to better use

IMPROVING THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



Last week some children approached me to tell me that the school website needed to be updated. In response to their feed-back we have updated a number of pages:

About us

- The performance data now reflects our most recent academic results
- Our policies section contains new and updated policies
- The curriculum section now provides you with more details about what is taught at St Mark's
- The pupil premium section shows how we plan to spend the pupil premium money we receive in 2016/17
- There are new pictures in the Christian Distinctiveness section

Parents

- There are new pictures in the parent workshop section
- An electronic version of the school prospectus has been added

Children

- Pictures and class bulletins have been updated on the class pages
- New monitor pictures are present
- New educational games and activities have been added

Community

- Information about our work within the local community has been added

News

- A large number of dates for 2017 have been added to the diary
- Past newsletters have been added
- New pictures have been added to the gallery

Also

- Updated home page sections
- Updated class page pictures
- Updated monitor pictures

Important School Term Dates:

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