Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's News
14th July 2016

'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 Parents and Carers

We are very proud of the results that we have achieved across all areas of the school this year. During the first year of new style SATs tests in Year 2 and Year 6, we achieved above the national average for Reading, Writing and Maths.

Key Stage 1 Data (End of Year 2)

St Mark's Data	**Reading 77%**	**Writing 74%**	**Maths 82%**
National Data	**Reading 74%**	**Writing 66%**	**Maths 73%**

Key Stage 2 Data (End of Year 6)

St Mark's Data	**Reading 73%**	**Writing 77%**	**Maths 77%**
National Data	**Reading 66%**	**Writing 74%**	**Maths 70%**

A very big well done to the children in Year 2 and Year 6 for their achievements and also for parents, teachers and support staff past and present, who contributed towards these excellent outcomes.

Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mark's Church

10th July 10am

Many thanks to St Mark's Church for the gift of a Bible which was given to each child who attended this special service

Important Events for the end of Tem

Friday 15th July—Year 6 End of Year Production– The Lion King, 6.00pm sharp in the school hall. All are welcome. **£1 entry –only a few tickets left.** Please come to the school office for a ticket (max of 2 per person)

Monday 18th July—Health, Fitness and Well-being week

Tuesday 19th— Awards Ceremony 9.30am in the school hall. Apologies for earlier message , but this event is by **invitation only** due to space

Thursday 21st July—Year 6 End of Term Ball 6-8pm in the school hall for Year 6 children and parents

Friday 22nd July—Final Day of Term 1.30pm finish

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

What a fantastic time we had on Saturday! Many thanks to all who supported our first school summer fair. It was great to see so many members of our school community and new visitors present and enjoying the day. Before expenses, we managed to raise £1100! This is a phenomenal achievement. We will make a donation towards a charity and I will take suggestions from our school council as to how we can use the rest for the benefit of the school community. Well done to everyone!

Maths and Art Week at St Mark's

This week the children have been involved in maths and art week. They have used the natural world to inspire their work and to gather ideas. Year 2 led our collective worship assembly very well and reminded us that maths is everywhere. Please see examples of transient art above. Below: mental maths challenge, Yr 1 gathering materials for transient art and Yr 2 leading collective worship.

Reflections on the school year by Mardiya, Rebecca and Genesis - the Newsletter Editors

It has been a fantastic year at St Marks because we've been given jobs in the school and we have had new events such as the summer fair, tournaments (cricket, football, athletics and athletics). This week we had a mental maths competition for the school. It was very good to see three people from each class participate in the contest. In general it has been an extraordinary time.

SPORTS DAY 2016

We had a fantastic sports day yesterday in our school playground due to Kennington Park being waterlogged. Well done to all children and thanks to all who supported the event. Special thanks to Mrs Davidson who organised it.

Attendance and School Numbers

A very pleasing year in terms of attendance. When we exclude one long term sickness absence, the school's attendance data for the year is 96.3%, in line with National expectations.
The school is fast filling up to capacity, with a least 3 classes across the school completely full with a waiting list. 5 children are also due to start in classes between now and the beginning of September.

It is very important that children return back to school on time on Wednesday 7th September at 8.55am as failing to do so may result in your child losing their school place.

We still have spaces in our Reception Class for September 2016. If you know of anybody, who is looking for a space, please direct them to the school office or to contact Mr Ingram on 07710025300.

Tuesday's Celebration Evening

It was great to see so many of you on Tuesday. The excellent demonstrations from the various clubs gave you an insight into the children's learning across the curriculum and the excellent progress they have made. If you have not yet collected your child's school report, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Secondary Transfer

Dear Year 5 Parents

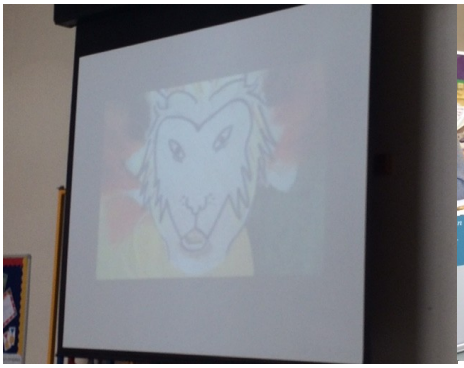
If you have not started to consider your options for your child's secondary school place, it is important that you begin to do so.

Your child should have brought home a booklet yesterday titled 'A brief guide to secondary schools in Lambeth 2017/18. ' This booklet outlines the secondary schools in Lambeth, lists the open days and takes you through the process of how to apply. The deadline for applying is Monday 31st October 2016. In September we will be holding our own information meeting for parents in order to provide you with more details.

OUR NEW SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO PUT TOGETHER OUR SCHOOL PROSPECTUS. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CAPTURE EVERYTHING THAT IS GREAT ABOUT ST MARK'S SO THAT WE CAN SHARE IT WITH THOSE WITHIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A COPY YESTERDAY. ASK AT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE EXTRA COPIES TO SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Family Learning



I am so proud of the achievements of our animation group, who have worked together for the past 6 week to produce some professional, high quality films. Well done to all of the families who participated. Follow the link below to see the animations.
https://vimeo.com/173337031

Starting in September 2016

Our next family learning 6-week course will be 'Digital Stories.' It will provide parents with an opportunity to worked within their child each week, develop their photography and brush up on their I.T. Skills. By the end of the course, parents and children will have made their own book together to keep. If you are interested, please book a place at the school office.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

There is a lot going on this weekend and during the summer. See below for details and also visit our school website at www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk for more details.

Follow us on Twitter: @StMarks_Lambeth

Lambeth Country Show - Brockwell Park

FREE (All ages)

Brockwell Park, Dulwich Road, SE24 0NG / 020 7926 6207 / www.lambethcountryshow.co.uk/

Sat 16th and 17th July, 12am-8pm

This weekend the Lambeth Country Show returns to Brockwell Park for the 42st year. Boasting the usual unique line-up with all of the attractions of a traditional country fair but with a distinctly South London twist! As ever there will be a truly eclectic mix of free entertainment and activities for all ages featuring music, art, theatre, sport, games, food, animals, horticulture and much more! Pop along and join in the fun!!

Natural History Museum

FREE (All Ages)

Cromwell Road, SW7 5BD / 020 7942 5000 / www.nhm.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: South Kensington

Investigate for Families – throughout the summer holidays 11am-5pm. Get a feel for how scientists work by having a go yourself! Your chance to explore hundreds of real specimens that Museum scientists use in their daily work, with science educators on hand to assist and answer questions.

Pond Life – Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays during summer holidays 11am 4pm Come along to this fun drop-in session where we explore the pond life in the Museum's Wildlife Garden.
You will also use scientific tools to observe and record your discoveries

Hands on Nature – Dinasaurs -27th, 28th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 18th and 24th August Handle real fossil specimens from the Museum's collection including fossils, teeth, and claws, and learn how to identify them at this free activity. Science Educators are on hand to take you back millions of years to explore which prehistoric reptiles can be called dinosaurs by looking carefully for the evidence. Could you meet a dinosaur today?

Summer Holiday Activities - Horniman Museum

FREE (All ages)

100 London Road, SE23 3PQ / 020 8699 1872 / www.horniman.ac.uk

Buses: 176, 185, 312, P4, 63, 122, P13

Open Daily, 1030am-5.30pm

For a full programme of events please visit the website.

Big Wednesdays: The Big Butterfly Count 27th July 11am – 3.30pm Take part in the Big Butterfly Count on the Nature Trail with entomologist (insect expert) Richard Jones, go on a story tour with Mr Horniman and do some butterfly-inspired art and craft.

Big Wednesdays: Horniman Favourites 3rd August 11am – 3.30pm 11am-3.30pm: Giant Games in the Gardens11am-3pm: Meet the owls from JAMBS Owls 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm: Punch and Judy.

Big Wednesdays: Brasil Summer Season – Every Wed from 10th – 31st Aug, 11am – 3.30pm Explore and celebrate Brazil with us. Each Wednesday will feature different performances and activities ranging from storytelling, dance and films to music and theatre performances as well as art and craft inspired by traditions from all over Brazil. Activities are free, drop-in and open to everyone.