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The St Mark's News
18th March 2016
Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

So many exciting things have taken place this week at school. On Tuesday I was privileged to see thirteen members of our school recorder group perform live in front of an audience of 150 people. They did superbly and performed to a very high standard alongside other schools. We have some very talented recorder players who will be taking grades and performing for music medals later in the Summer Term. Thanks must go to Mrs Judith Rust, who comes into school each week to teach the recorder group.

Yesterday we welcomed a group of 9 students from Walhampton School in Hampshire, along with their Headteacher Mr Titus Mills. Mr Mills used to be the Deputy Headteacher here at St Mark's from 1997-2001. He is very happy to be back and mentioned that he was struck by the energy and high standards within the school as soon as he arrived. He has also been overjoyed to meet parents here who he used to teach himself! We are very pleased that he has invited the Year 5 class back to visit Walhampton School in the Summer Term.

School Collective Worship theme:

Wk 5– Exploring the feelings and emotions of ourselves and others

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are healed Isaiah chapter 53: 5

Dinner Money

School dinners for all KS2 children cost £10 per child per week. Please ensure this is paid every Monday. One week's notice is require to change from school dinners to packed lunch or visa versa. Day to day changes, are not allowed. Thank you

Federation News

On Wednesday evening, governors from both St Mark's and Archbishop Tenison's toured the two school sites. Both sets of governors spoke very highly about the high quality of the displays across the school and within the classrooms. Later on in the evening, we met to discuss and talked about the achievements of the Federation so far and our plans for the immediate and long term future. We would very much like to hear your thoughts and views as parents about how we can continue to develop this relationship. Email us: admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

Website Update

Look out for these features…

- **Click the language icon to read the website in Spanish, Portuguese or any other language**
- **Please follow us on twitter. We will be uploading regular posts.**
- **Visit our new picture galleries in the news section of the website**
- **Follow the notices scroll bar for the latest updates and news**
- **Please feed back to us about improvements**

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS and WORKSHOPS RUN BY LARK HALL OUTREACH SERVICE

Developing social skills in order to guide children and young people through specific situations and with specific behaviours.

Venue – Loughborough Primary School, Minet Road Brixton SW9 7UA

Learning Key Skills through Outdoor Education

When asked about what they learnt from their recent week-long school journey, members of Year 6 said:

"You can achieve far more when you try hard." Kyron

Communication, Co-operation and Concentration is the key to good teamwork." Niat

By working together we can help each other overcome our fears." Naomi

"There's no 'I' in Team." Emmanuel

Diary Dates

There are lots of events going on next week which we would like to invite you to and encourage you to attend.

Monday 21st March 2016

Year 5 out visiting the Globe Theatre—Parents needed

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Lambeth Music Festival involving Year 2, Year 5 and Junior choir involved. Parents needed

Performances are; 1.30pm –Infant choir 5.30pm -Junior choirs . All involved in the junior choir must be collected by an adult from the Royal Festival Hall at 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Year 4 are sharing the Easter Story at St Mark's Church 2.30pm. All are welcome. Help is needed to come into school to walk the children down to church. Please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thursday 24th March 2016

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30 PM

Term 5 Dates

Monday 11th April—School begins at 8.55pm

Tuesday 12th April – Meeting to formally establish a school PSA 9.00am—See Parents section of the school website for more details

This week at St Mark's

Children at St Mark's made our visitors from Walhampton School feel very welcome as they worked in classes across the school and joined in with our playground games.

Sports Relief

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. A professional athlete worked with all classes and our PE monitors led a range of games and activities across the school.

Cycle Confidence

Pupils in Year 5 took part in cycle confidence training throughout the week. They developed their confidence within the school playground and then went out to cycle on the local roads. It was wonderful to hear that during this training some children learned to cycle for the first time.

Reception children on the investigation trail

Children in Reception have been looking at evidence and taking notes as police officers, as they suspect that Goldilocks has been causing trouble in their classroom this week.

Please note that during the second week back after Easter, we will be running a Phonics lesson for you to observe in class and then we will have a Stay-and-Play session, when you will be able to spend some time in Reception Class reading and working with your child.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

The Brilliance of Bats Family Day - Grant Museum of Zoology

FREE (All Ages)

Rockefeller Building, University College London, University St, WC1E 6DE / 020 3106 2052 / www.ucl.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: Euston/Goodge Street

Sat 19th Mar, 1pm-5pm

An afternoon of bat related fun for all the family. Try batty crafts with finger puppets and origami, take a closer look at some of the specimens, hear from scientists investigating bats in London and, discover more about the work of the Bat conservation Trust.

Sound Hoppers - British Library

FREE (All ages)

96 Euston Road, NW1 2DB / 020 7412 7797 / www.bl.uk

Nearest tube: Kings Cross St Pancras

Sat 19th Mar, 1pm-2.30pm

Experiment creatively with sound playing with specially constructed soundboxes in this fun workshop. Families will have the opportunity to explore different qualities of sound through interesting games and listening exercises.

Colour the Collection - British Museum

FREE (Ages 7+)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323 8000 / www.british museum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Sat 19th Mar, 11am-4pm

Sculptures in the museum didn't always look the way we see them today – many were painted in bright colours. Learn about the scientific techniques that have been used to uncover new information about some of the Museum's most famous objects and use tablets to colour your own objects.

8-14's Studio: Improvising with materials - Tate Modern

FREE (Ages 8-14yrs)

Bankside, SE1 9TG / 020 7887 8888 / www.tate.org.uk

Nearest tube: Southwark/Blackfriars

Sat 19th Mar, noon-5pm

Professional artist Matt Shaw invites you to join him in improvising with a range of materials to see how you can inspire change transformation. There are no rules, just bring your curiosity and see what happens.

Horniman Museum

FREE (All ages with specific events for Ages 14-19 years)

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

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

Dinotopia Family Day - Sat 19th Mar, 1pm-4pm. Is your knowledge of dinosaurs a bit scrambled? Then pop along to Dinotopia and take part in a cracking event that is fun for all the family. Enjoy eggcellent free activities combining art and science – all thought up by the Museum's roarsome Youth Panel!