Unique and Valued by God

The St Mark's Fortnightly News

21st January 2019

'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, Carers, Children and Governors,

You should now have received your class bulletin outlining what is to be taught in Term 3. Please continue to do all that you can to support your child's learning and education in school. Children in Key Stage 2 arrived at the beginning of Term 3 with lots of prior knowledge about the topics they will be learning about due to the holiday homework which they had completed. Please continue to read with and to your child every day. If they are older independent readers, encourage them to read each day and talk to them about what they are reading.

On **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th February**, we will be holding our second **Parents' Evening meetings**, providing you with an update on your child's progress and also an opportunity to see your child's work. Further details will be provided later this week. Last term's attendance of parents was very high and we look forward to seeing you again in two week's time.

On **Thursday 24th January** we will be hosting another workshop for parents, when a specialist talk on ***Screen Use and Children's Development***. This workshop will explore the impact of children between the ages of 0-5 using tablets and mobile phones. Trefor Lloyd is well worth listening to and we invite you all to join us at **9.00am** in the school hall. Tea and Coffee will be available.

Please support the school's efforts to improve the overall attendance and punctuality levels by ensuring children arrive on time and absence is kept to a minimum.

We hope that you like our new prospectus and have a look at our newly developed website at: http:www.stmarkscofeprimarylambeth.co.uk/

Value of the Week

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural, Emotional and Intellectual development

BIBLE VERSE

I am come that they might have life and that they might have it to the full.

John 10:10

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery— 93.00%

Reception— 86.67%

Year 1—93.09%

Year 2— 92.00%

Year 3— 96.43%

Year 4— 95.17%

Year 5— 95.83%

Year 6— 100.00%

WELL DONE!

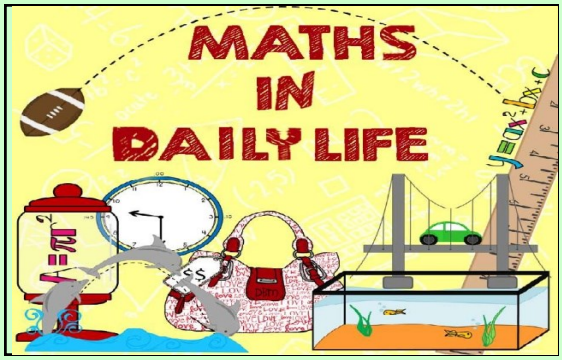
To the following classes who achieved over 96.%:

Years 3 and 6

Lets all work together as a team to get the overall school attendance above 96.00%

What's been happening at St Marks?...

MATHS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S — This week the children of St Mark's will be celebrating **Maths Week.** We will be thinking about maths in different areas of life like: ART, NATURE, HOME and OUR COMMUNITY. Some children will go out on trips to different places to explore maths in new contexts and some experts will be coming in to visit classes. To kick off our learning, children in Years 3 and 4 visited the local Tesco Superstore in Kennington and were overheard by the public discussing how much to spend on various items in the shop. Hopefully, we will all enjoy ourselves this week and the children will learn new skills that they can use in different areas of life.



THE LITTLE POP-UP BOOK HUT— We are very lucky this term to have been given a 'Little Pop-Up Book Hut'. Children can take any book they like from it **FREE OF CHARGE**. If you have any books at home that you would like to donate, please add them to the collection in the hut so they can find a new home.

MOUNTIANEERING — As part of Years 3 and 4 class topic on mountains, the children had a visit from a real mountain climber to share his experience of climbing British mountains. This talk was to share his knowledge about survival skills and show his equipment to the children.

CAPOIERA DISPLAY — To start off our After School Club, Danca Da Liberdade visited the children to demonstrate valuable skills about the Brazilian martial art and dance

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE STARTED:.....

Our ever-popular After School Clubs started last week. It is fantastic to see many excited children have signed up for all the activities on offer. Below are pictures of just some of the activities, which also include Choir, Art and Jewellery Making. We are planning a varied number of activities for next term and look forward to seeing all children participating going forward. Don't forget clubs are significantly subsidised, as, so do take advantage of these offers next terms.

MULTISPORTS

CAPOIERA

DODGEBALL

PARENT PAY—DINNER MONEY

Parents are reminded that dinner money is due in advance on Monday mornings and is currently £11.75 per week per child. You are very welcome to pay for a month, or half term if you would find that helpful. Please remember to activate your PARENT PAY ACCOUNT for all dinner money payments. If you require assistance, the office staff will be more than happy to help.

ST. MARK'S KIDS MARKET

On Friday, 25th January, a number of children across the school— who made a successful pitch to Mr Ingram and Miss Hankins— will be running their own market stall in the hall. They will need to be responsible for sourcing their products and running their stalls. Adults in the school will be available to help them set up, but we want this to be a child-led project.

Monday 21st –25th January 2019	Maths Week	
Monday 28th January 2019	Years 5 and 6 trip to Houses of Parliament	All Day
Wednesday 30th January 2019	Multi- Sports Festival for Year 1	St Martins in the Field 9.30-3.00pm
Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Feb 2019	Parents' Evening	
Friday 15th February 2019	St Mark's Day	
Friday 15th February 2019	Valentine's Event	
Friday 15th February 2019	**Last Day of Term 3**	
Monday 25th February 2019	**Term 4 - Children return to school**	
Wednesday 27th February 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
w/c Monday 4th March 2019	Reading and Writing Week	All week
Wednesday 6th March 2019	Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament	9-1pm at Kennington Park
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day	
w/c Monday 18th - 22nd March 2019	Lambeth Music Festival	TBC
Thursday 21st March 2019	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament	
Friday 29th March 2019	Mother's Day Breakfast	
Monday 1st April 2019	RE Week	
Wednesday 3rd April 2019	Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament	9.30-1.30 at Elm Green school
Friday 5th April 2019	**End of Term 4**	
Tuesday 23rd April	**Term 5 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday**	
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Year 3 and 4 Mini Tag Rugby 9.30-1.00pm	Kennington Park
Monday 13th May 2019	SATS Week	
Friday 24th May 2019	**End of Term 5**	
Monday 3rd June 2019	**Term 6 - Children return to school**	**8.55am**
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Mini Athletics	
Wednesday 12th June 2019	G & T Sports Day Years 5 and 6	Tooting Bec Track
Friday 14th June 2019	Year 5 Boys' visit to Dulwich College	
Friday 14th June 2019	Father's Day Breakfast	Breakfast from 8.15-8.50
Friday 21st June 2019	Sports Day	To be confirmed
Thursday 27th June 2019	Year 1 and 2 Transition Picnic	
Saturday 29th June 2019	Summer Fair	1-4pm tbc
Friday 5th July 2019	Early Years Sports Day	
Monday 8th July 2019	Nursery & Reception – Welcome Morning (Stay & Play)	
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Church Service at St Mark's	
Friday 12th July 2019	Award Ceremony	
Friday 12th July 2019	Early Years & Reception Graduation	2.30pm
Sunday 14th July 2019	**Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mark's Church 10.00am**	
w/c Monday 15th – 19th July 2019	Science, Health and Fitness Week	
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Showcase Evening	3.30-4.45pm
Thursday 18th July 2019	YR6 End of year production and Dinner	6-8pm
Friday 19th July 2019	**Last day of term**	**School finishes at 1.30pm**