

15th January 2010

St Mark's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you to all families who fought through difficult journeys to come to school through the snow over the past two weeks

We did have some difficulties with our website and answerphone during this time and are reviewing our systems to improve our communications with you all,

Best wishes,
Cathy Heels

SCHOOL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

We would like to thank you all for bearing with us whilst major works are being carried out to completely renew the school kitchen.

Annie, our wonderful cook, is still providing hot meals for the children though she is cooking off-site and the food is delivered daily to St Mark's.

It is estimated that works will be complete by June 2010.

REMINDER!

RECEPTION 2010/11
DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION FORMS IS
TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2010

This is for children born between 1st Sept 2005 and 31 August 2006.

Applications are available from and must be submitted to

Admissions Team
222 Upper Street
Islington N1 1XR

Please do not assume your child is automatically accepted if they have a sibling at the school.

It is essential that you do not miss this deadline.

If no application is sent to Admissions then your child will not be added to the intake list.

Attendance Results

Reception 90.3%

Year 1 – 79.3%

Year 2 - 81.5%

Year 3 – 78.2%

Year 4 – 84.5%

Year 5 – 84%

Year 6 – 82.7%

Attendee of the week
John Docherty - Rec!

Lates this week

Reception – 4

Year 1 – 4

Year 2 – 1 – Brilliant!!

Year 3 – 13

Year 4 – 21

Year 5 – 10

Year 6 – 11

Early bird of the week
Cyprus Ellington-Pow - Y2



Diary Dates

Tuesday, 26th January – Prospective Parents Open Morning

Wednesday, 27th January – RE Inspection

Friday, 12th February – Last Day of Half Term

Monday, 22nd February – Children back to school

Well Done to all who managed to get to school in the snow

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have been informed by Free School Meals at Cambridge Education in Islington that the start date for free school meals for all children at St Mark's is

Monday 8th March 2010.

As you will recall from information sent out in November 2009 this will not apply to your child if you have not completed the registration form or if dinner money is not paid in full up to week ending Friday, 5th March.

If you have not completed a registration form and now wish to do so, please go to the school office. The forms must be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

INSET DAY- important change of date

One of our staff training days (INSET days) was allocated to take place on Friday 2nd April. As it is Good Friday the day has now been moved to **TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2010**. Please place this date in your diary and remember there will be no school for children on this day.

CAMHS

(Child and Adult Mental Health Service)

Thank you to Kathy Adcock, our clinical psychologist who ran a very interesting coffee morning this week. She discussed the type of work she can do with families including aspects of relationships, behaviour, emotional health and well-being. Kathy has asked parents to suggest ideas for further parents workshops- please let Mrs Heels, Ms Braithwaite, Ms Hughes or Ayesha know if there is a topic you would like her to cover.