



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week when we are all on half term break, the period of Lent begins. This is a very important phase in the Christian calendar when Christians remember the sacrifices Jesus made for others. This edition of the newsletter is all about 'giving' and how we as a school offer help to each other and our local community.

Wishing you a happy half term, full of rich blessings,
Ms Braithwaite

St Mark's staff volunteer at the Winter Night Shelter

On Thursday 1st and Thursday 8th February two teams of 8 members of staff volunteered at the Holy Innocents Night Shelter in Crouch End. Their shift ran from 6.30 to 10.30pm and they helped to prepare beds and a meal for the 12 guests who were staying at the shelter that night. All staff who volunteered were very humbled by the experience and the guests were very pleased to have new faces at the dinner table and to share conversation. Thank you to the parents who donated clothes, hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries, all these items were very gratefully received.

Help the Aged – a new partnership

We are pleased to announce that we will be working with Help the Aged to help combat the issue of loneliness of the elderly community. We will be inviting some guests for lunch and hope to make the hall available for afternoon dancing or art and craft activities that elderly members of the community can attend.

Maths Buddies

Following the success of having 'Reading Buddies' whereby our children in Phase 3 pair up with the younger children to help them to read, we are going to introduce 'Maths Buddies' during the second half of spring term. The younger children respond well to the older children and the older children aspire to being their role models. Maths and Science will be a focus for the rest of the year and we have lots of fun activities planned which combine both subjects.

Ash Wednesday Service

The whole school will be attending St Mark's Church on Monday 19th February at 11am for the Beginning of Lent Service (Giving of Ashes). Parents are very welcome to come along and both children and parents will be offered ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

Visit to St Paul's Cathedral Celebrating Church Schools

On Friday 26th January, myself, Mrs Bearfoot and the JLT (Junior Leadership Team) went along to St Paul's Cathedral for the LDBS 'Giving thanks to our schools' celebration. We were there with most other C of E schools from London and together celebrated 94 years of the LDBS through song, prayer and uplifting talks from school children and the clergy.

Class assemblies

Thank you to the families and friends that have come along to the three class assemblies so far this term. They have all be great fun to watch and have showcased the hard work put in this half term by both teachers and children. Below are the dates of the remaining class still to perform. We hope you are able to attend.

Y3	Tuesday 27 th February
Y2	Tuesday 6 th March
Y1	Tuesday 13 th March
Rec	Tuesday 20 th March
Nursery	Tuesday 27 th March

Bible Verse of the Week Proverbs 28:27

He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.

Half Term Challenge!!

We have been learning our 'Bible Verses of the Week' this half term. If you can learn them all over half term.. there will be prizes!!

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK 8/1/18
MATTHEW 3 VS 17
'A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN AND SAID,
'THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM
I AM WELL PLEASED'.



BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK 15/1/18
MATTHEW 4 VS 19,20
'COME, FOLLOW ME', JESUS SAID, 'AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN'.
AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED
HIM.




BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK 22/1/18
MATTHEW 5 VS 9
'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR
THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF
GOD'.



BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK 29/1/18
MATTHEW 6 VS 14
'IF YOU FORGIVE OTHERS FOR THEIR
SINS, YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WILL
FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR SINS'.



BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK
MATTHEW 6 VS 34
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW
BECAUSE TOMORROW WILL HAVE IT'S
OWN WORRIES.



Enjoy learning them together!!