

# RE & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

### Happy New Year to you all...may it be a year full of rich blessings for everyone!

We have an exciting term ahead of us as we approach our Easter Celebrations at the end of term. Thinking about Easter we are reminded of the place of God's grace in our daily lives and this will be reflected in our worship, prayers and Christian Values focus throughout the term.

You can read about how we are going to launch our new School Vision – exciting times ahead!!

## <u>Christian Values at St. Mark's through</u> <u>Collective Worship</u>

We will be continuing to focus on each Christian Value for 2 weeks in assemblies with reflections in class. How the children show their understanding of these values is celebrated in our Child of the Week Celebration on a Friday morning. We will be supported by Rev. David from St. Mark's church and Sam our Children's Worker to deliver interesting and fun assemblies that the children can respond to and relate to their own lives.

You are welcome to attend any assemblies if you would like to see what we do!

Christian Values for this term are Endurance, Friendship, Trust, Koinonia (Fellowship), Compassion and Forgiveness.

Our weekly Collective Worship Plan is as follows:

Monday - Worship Singing/Vision Pledge for the week

Tuesday - Class assemblies beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Wednesday - Christian Value focus led by Leadership

Thursday - Christian Value focus led by Clergy

Friday - Child of the Week Celebration

#### Our Whole School Christian Values are -

Compassion, Wisdom, Justice, Koinonia, Peace, Trust, Forgiveness, Endurance, Reverence, Hope, Friendship, Humility, Thankfulness, Service and Trust.

#### Festival Celebrations



<u>Please join us</u> to celebrate our festivals in school and at church this term.

**Lent Service** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am at St. Mark's Church. There will be 'Ashing' at this service for those who want to receive.

Easter Service - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - time to be confirmed in a newsletter.

Children will be encouraged to follow the 'Count Your Blessings reflections and activities during lent. These can be found on the Christian Aid website.

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/childrenscount-your-blessings-2018

#### RE Curriculum Update



We are continuing to follow the new Scheme of Work developed by the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS) this year.
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https://www.ldbs.co.uk/re-worship/re/re-units-learning/

Here is the link if you want to view the whole Scheme of Work for RE...



This term Reception Class's Big Question is; 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is so special?' Year 6's Big Question is;

'How has the Christian message survived for over 2000 years?'

All other classes will be learning about another world faith as follows:

Year 1/2 - Islam Year 3 - Judaism Year 4 - Hinduism Year 5 - Sikhism

Some classes will be visiting different places of worship to build up understanding and respect for people of other faiths.



Children will be bringing home RE Home Learning activities some weeks throughout the term. Please support your child's learning by asking them questions about what they have been learning in RE and coming in to look at their RE books..

# St. Mark's new SCHOOL VISION



We will be launching our new SCHOOL VISION after half term with a special VISION BLESSING and LAUNCH WEEK!

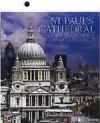
Look out for dates in the school newsletter... The VISION is based on the bible verse

Psalm 119 vs 105
'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'.

Each week classes will be challenged to learn one of the 5 pledges from the VISION so that by the time of the launch they will have learnt them all!

Please support us by learning them with your child.

- Together we will prepare you for life and learning.
- Together we will teach you to live within the values of God's word.
- Together we will safely lead you on your journey.
- Together we will guide you to a fulfilling future.
- Together we will forever grow in confidence.



On 25<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Bearfoot and Ms Braithwaite will be taking children from the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) to St. Paul's Cathedral for a special service. It will be a lovely opportunity for the children to share worship and hear God's message in such an amazing Cathedral.





Rev. David our Vicar and Sam Ursell our Children's Worker

We will be very sad to say 'Goodbye' to Sam this term as she leaves us to start a new job. Many of you know her well so please come to our farewell assembly for her on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.

Have a wonderful Spring Term, God Bless, Mrs. Sarah Bearfoot RE and Collective Worship Leader/SENCO