



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Our new vision is LIVE!!!!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the launch to join Rev. David and Father David (Islington Sub Dean) to bless our new vision exactly 64 years to the day from our official opening. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST MARK'S!!**

We had a lovely service in our hall with lots of contributions from staff and children. Each child should also have come home with a souvenir from the day so that wherever they are they can be clear of our vision.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Children's' Flower Society Spring Bulb Competition

Thank you to all the families who returned your spring bulbs. The judges were very impressed with your green fingers and awarded over 20 bronze, silver and gold awards.

St Mark's staff volunteer at the Winter Night Shelter

For the last two Thursday evenings, two teams of 6 members of staff have volunteered at the Holy Innocents Night Shelter in Crouch End. The shift ran from 6.30 to 9.30pm and we helped to prepare beds and a meal for the 14 guests who were staying at the shelter that night. All staff who volunteered were once again very humbled by the experience and the guests were very pleased to have new faces at the dinner table and to share conversation. A huge thank you to the parents who donated clothes, hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries, all these items were very, very gratefully received.

Ash Wednesday Service

The whole school enjoyed a special Ash Wednesday church service last Thursday morning. Nearly all children took up the option of being ashed and many spent the day with the evidence clear for all to see. As always, our website is full of pictures taken on the day. Sadly, this was our last service with Rev David Bird at St Mark's church as he is retiring this month. On Thursday 21st March at 10am we will have a special goodbye assembly for him. All parents are welcome.

Red Nose Day- Friday 15th March

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to enter into the spirit of Comic Relief by dressing up in red today and donating £1. We will let you know the total amount raised in our next newsletter. The money will hopefully go some way to providing some less fortunate children in this country and abroad with some of life's basic essentials.

Attendance and Punctuality

At St Mark' school your child's attendance and punctuality is monitored every week. Children are considered as being having a 'persistent absence' when their attendance drops below 90%.

- **98%** attendance means that your child has missed 4 days in the school year
- **95%** attendance means that your child has missed 10 days in the school year
- **90%** attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year
- **80%** attendance means that your child has missed 38 days in the school year

Please do not take extra holidays in term time.

In accordance with national expectations, the school will not authorise any holidays taken during term time. Parents need to fill out a school form and put in a request at least 10 days before booking if they require exceptional leave. Please note that your child's school place is at risk if you take unauthorised leave from school.

Dates for Your Diary

Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 19th March 10am
Nursery Assembly	Tuesday 26th March 10am
Parent Consultations	Thurs 28th March 3.45 onwards
End of Term	Friday 5th April -2pm

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

A Family Project Workshop in our School Garden!
Sow a Mini Meadow in a pot to take home and grow
For Parents/Carers and Children

On

Saturday 23rd March

10am - 4pm



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**AWARDS
FOR ALL**

