



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final newsletter of 2018-19 and what a year it has been. Once again much has been achieved and we finish the year in a very good position. Thank you to everyone who has supported St Mark's in one way or another, we couldn't do it without you all. I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September at 8.50. Children in nursery and reception will all have different starting days which you will be notified of separately.

Wishing you all a safe, sunny, happy and relaxing break,
Ms Braithwaite

Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to four amazing staff members this academic year.

Katerina will be leaving us to give more time to her own business which is a very successful café. Katerina has been with us since the opening of our Early Years and has been instrumental in making it the amazing setting it is.

Mrs Peacock is moving to a school in Haringey. She has been teaching at St Mark's for over a decade and has sent musical talent, enjoyment and learning soaring.

Pier will also be leaving to work at a school closer to his home. Pier has been with us for many years and has been a great support to teachers and children.

Miss Sahota is also leaving us, sadly, due to health reasons. Miss Sahota and all our other leavers will be sadly missed. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

Joining us are two new teachers Miss Farah who will be taking over from Katerina in Nursery and Miss Allt who will be teaching Y5. I know both teachers will bring a lot to the children and the school.

It can be hard to say goodbye when you lose great staff but I know that change also brings new and exciting opportunities, of which I am looking forward to.

St Mark's Summer Fair

A huge thank you to St Mark's family for delivering a wonderful summer fair. The weather was perfect and the whole school community came together. Over £1000 was raised which has kindly been donated towards the new canopy being erected by the pitch.

Year 6 End of Year Production – Mary Poppins

I cannot encourage parents enough to come along tomorrow to see the Y6 end of year production of Mary Poppins. The dress rehearsal blew staff away and we were obliged to give it a standing ovation at the end. Tickets are free and the show begins at 6pm. Refreshments will be sold during the interval.

Reminder-Medication

Please collect all medication from the school office on the last day of term. Children who require medication throughout the school day must ensure they return to school on the 4th September with new medication. Children with Asthma will not be able to stay on the first day back unless we have their medication on site. Any medication not picked up will be disposed of.

Home reading Books

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their home reading books. If you still have books at home please ensure that you return them before next Tuesday. This will ensure they are reorganised and ready for next year. Musical instruments should also be returned.

Arrangements for Sports Day

Weather permitting, our annual sports day will be held at Finsbury Park this Friday 19th July. Unlike previous years, the whole school will be taking part during the morning and afternoon sessions. Children should come to school in their PE kit as we will leave straight after registration to make our way to the park. Events will take place throughout the day, including the parent race, so please come prepared with your running shoes! The whole school will have lunch together at the park at around midday. Packed lunches will be needed plus plenty of water. Remember to check the forecast for that day and bring appropriate clothing.

Dates for Your Diary

Y6 Show – Mary Poppins	6pm Wednesday 17 th July
Sports Day – Finsbury Park	Friday 19 th July
Y6 Leaver Service - School	10am Tuesday 23 rd July
Summer Holidays Begin	Tuesday 23 rd July at 2PM

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

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision

Teachers and Support Staff for 2019-20

Phase 3		
David Peacock	Year 6 Teacher	Charmaine Palmer
Nikita Allt	Year 5 Teacher	Romy Parkinson
Mary Michael	Phase 3 Leader/ Year 4 Teacher	Kate Campbell
Phase 2		
Georgia Williams	Phase 2 Leader/ Year 1 Teacher	Wendy Gallagher
Miranda Godden	Year 2 Teacher	Kim Johnston
Vicky Lockwood	Year 3 Teacher	Collette Jemmeh
Phase 1		
Liz Vitrano	Phase 1 Leader/ Pupil Premium Support	N/A
Helen Adams	Reception Teacher	Nik West Jemma Johnston
Samiya Farah	Nursery Teacher	Jamal Kutu
Kerry Jones	Early Years Lead Practitioner	Margaret Short
Lance Symister	Sports Coach/ Behaviour	Interventions/ PPA
Admin Staff		
Karen Kean	Senior Admin and Finance Manager	Main school office
Yesim Polat	Admin and Finance Assistant	Main school office
Premises		
Steve Kogbodoku	Premises Manager	Site Maintenance/Fire Marshal/Health and Safety