



Thy Word Is A Lamp To My Feet And
A Light To My Path

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unlike in the House of Commons, we have had a very calm week here at St Mark's. All of our new children in Early Years have now started and all seem very settled and happy. Over the next few months you will be seeing some major changes to the playground including new fencing, an extended garden area, a new mud kitchen and an amphitheatre. The exciting, new improvements will complement the outdoor living room we had installed in 2018 and benefit all children physically and emotionally. Whilst the work is being completed there will be limited access to some areas of the playground.

Wishing you a rain free weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Please Come Along To A Class Assembly

Well done to our lovely Y6 children for kicking off the new academic year with an amazing assembly about their topic of Africa and the Kingdom of Benin. The assembly consisted of lots of confident children sharing exciting facts, beautiful singing, superb acting, lots of humour and was a joy to watch. The cycle continues next week with Y4. It means a lot to the children to have someone from their family attend so please try and come along.

St Mark's Supports The Climate Change Protests.

Many of you will have seen photographs of children in Y5 and Y6 attending the Climate Change Protest at the town hall last Friday. Mr Peacock and Miss Allt took 30 children down to an address by local MPs, the Mayor of Islington and even Jeremy Corbyn. Later they marched with several other schools up to Highbury fields. All staff have commented on how passionate and concerned the children are about the planet. As a school we have reviewed several practices within school that we can change to help make a difference. This term will be the last for paper newsletters and information home. More information on how to access your communications from the school will be sent out shortly. Please also see the back of this newsletter for two Y5 pupils' feelings about the situation.

Property Left At Your Own Risk

As a healthy school we actively encourage children to come to school on their bikes and scooters. These may be left on site during the school day but the school is not responsible for them during this time.

Please ensure uniform is labelled as this is also an item that the school is not responsible for if lost or damaged.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale today. Whether you baked, faked or simply just purchased your contribution is very much appreciated. We will confirm the total amount raised in our next newsletter.

Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading on a very regular basis i.e. every day preferably but at the very least four times a week for every child across the school. We want children to immerse themselves in the enjoyment of reading and to develop a love of books and a variety of authors. This also helps develop their spoken language and written work. Visits to the library will be resuming shortly for classes. Families struggling to get books or simply for advice about appropriate texts should speak to Miss Michael.

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision



Our children speak out on Climate Change.....

Last Friday I went to a Climate Change march and it was amazing to see how much people care. I know we need to be more respectful to this planet which God has given us. We are all putting our lives in danger, we are putting everyone's lives in danger. Think about animals and plants, they are dying because of what we are doing.

It was so nice when a teenage girl was talking so confidently and thoughtfully, she spent her free time composing a poem to save our lives. At the Town Hall kids were singing and some were shouting "SAVE OUR PLANET". I respect those kids!

On the way back we saw a group of college students screaming "WE WANT CLIMATE CHANGE TO END". These people are acting and I think you need to act up too and be fast about it. What did the animals do to deserve this?!!

RESPECT OUR PLANET!

Tayjah Y5

Last Friday was the most amazing and inspiring day of my life, a day like no other. I went to a Climate Change march with 29 other children from St Mark's as well as more children from other primary schools in Islington.

I realise now that climate change is ruining our planet! Why are you adults leaving it to us children to save the earth?! If everybody does their part, the world would be better and we wouldn't need to worry.

We all need to open our eyes and see that our oceans are dying and so are we! Why are you still just sitting there?!!

SAVE EARTH'S SOUL!

Lola Y5