



St Mark's News

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We started last week with a special Remembrance Service to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Children across the school enjoyed learning about the different roles people and animals played during the war. Thank you to all families who made poppies for our Remembrance assembly. The children showed great respect during the two minutes silence at 11am.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Welcome to our new staff

This term we have had three new members of staff join our school. Jasmine has joined Amber class and is having a great time getting to know the two years olds and their families.

Kamlyn is new to Pearl class. Like several other members of our staff, Kamlyn is an ex pupil so knows us quite well. She is enjoying working alongside Mrs Farah and Jamal with our nursery children. Lola is new to Y1. She will take over from Wendy who will be leading interventions and Daily Supported Reading in Phase 2.

I'm sure if you haven't already you will make our new members of staff very welcome.

Children in Need

Thank you to school council and Ann for organising such a wonderful Child in Need day last Friday. The whole school enjoyed the duck race and watching Mr Jones and Mrs Bearfoot's bike race. I'm pleased to say we managed to raise a grand total of £350.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers for your attendance last night at the autumn parents evening. I hope that you managed to get a very clear overview of how your child is progressing so far this year in the core areas of reading, writing and maths. As a school with an open door policy for parents each day we hope that this meeting added to the comprehensive understanding we already offer in terms of your child.

St Mark's school welcomes their new Vicar

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Vicar at St Mark's who will be starting next week. He is Rev. Trevor Golding and we wish him a very warm welcome to our school community.

There will be a welcoming service at St Mark's Church on Tuesday 26th November at 8pm, which you are all invited to. We hope that he settles into his new job and home quickly and that he will very much become part of our school family. He will be leading our Advent Service at St Mark's Church on Thursday 28th at 10am. Please join us to offer him a friendly welcome.



Dates for your Diary

Advent (St Mark's Church)	Thursday 28 th November-10am
Nativity (St Mark's Church)	Tuesday 10 th December-2pm
End of term	Friday 20 th December-2pm
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 th January 2020

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR
THE ST MARK'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 3.30PM - 5.00PM



Please volunteer to run a stall or activity at the fair which we are planning for Tues 17th December from 3.30-5pm in the school hall. As in previous years we are raising money for the school playground make-over programme.

A planning meeting will take place on Monday 25th November at 9am at the school office. It will be very short!

But if you can't make it please sign up at the school office or on sheets outside the classrooms to help with the following:-

- Help sell food
- Bake cakes to sell
- Organise and run games/activities
- Be on the grotto team
- Face painting
- Nail painting
- Getting raffle prizes from local businesses
- Running the raffle
- Helping run the tombola

We need at least 4 people for each of the above. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the school and meet other parents and carers as well as raising money for equipment which benefits all of our children. If we do not have enough volunteers by Monday 1st December then unfortunately the fair will have to be cancelled.

Festive greetings!

The parents Christmas Fair committee