



St Mark's News

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Issue 8

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring term and 2020! The staff and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We do hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas break and quality time together. We have begun our new term thinking about our vision. As a church school it is important for us to have a vision that is rooted in the Bible as well as the key elements of what makes our school so special. 'Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' is truly embedded in all that we believe in and underpins all aspects of our work together in school.

Ms Braithwaite

School Ping

As mentioned during Autumn term, we are aiming to go paperless and this month. We are changing to School Ping as a communication tool for contacting parents via text with the option of attaching any correspondence we usually send out. It is **essential that we have up to date contact numbers for every parent/carer** as going forward this will be the only way we will be sending out information about class trips, the newsletter, parent evenings etc. The App also allows payments to be made directly via your phone which saves parents/carers having to pay by cash or cheque at the office. Letters are being sent home to all parents today with more information, please ensure that you familiarise yourselves with the process and contact Karen or Yesim at the office if you have any queries.

Parent and Friends Prayer Group

Thank you to those parents who came to pray with us yesterday. We aim to pray as a group on a monthly basis on Thursdays from 8am to 8.30am.

Please join us to pray for St Mark's school, staff, children and families! The next prayer group will be on Thursday 13th February. Breakfast club will be running for St Mark's children & any preschool children are welcome to stay and pray.

For more details, please speak to Sophie (Judah & Romola's Mum), Bex (Josh's Mum), Heni (Mate's Mum) or Miss Michael (Y4 Teacher).

Islington Primary Schools Football League

We are pleased to say that St Mark's Boys team played very well at yesterday's match against Copenhagen Primary School, winning 3 – 0! Keep up the good work St Mark's.

Free School Meals

Parents and carers are reminded to complete the on-line application for free school meals for their child. Although school meals are free to every primary school child in Islington, parents and carers must register their child and select the school they are attending. If you have not registered your child yet, please collect the instructions as to how to do this from the school office. It is very important that EVERY child is registered as this affects the funding we receive from the local authority.

Dates for your Diary

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| Y6 Class Assembly | Tuesday 21 st January 10am |
| Y4 Class Assembly | Tuesday 28 th January 10am |
| Y5 Class Assembly | Tuesday 4 th February 10am |
| Y3 Class Assembly | Tuesday 11 th February 10am |
| Half term | Mon 17th -Fri 21st February |
| Y2 Class Assembly | Tuesday 3 rd March 10am |
| Y1 Class Assembly | Tuesday 10 th March 10am |
| Rec Class Assembly | Tuesday 17 th March 10am |
| Nursery Assembly | Tuesday 24 th March 10am |
| Parent's Evening | Thursday 26 th March |
| End of term | Friday 3 rd April -2pm |

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision

Parent workshops this spring

Fun, friendly and open to all.

Meet parents and discuss your concerns

| DATE | Topic |
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| Thurs 6 February | The importance of safe relationships with Heather Vacciana 9-10am |
| Thursday 13 Feb | “I really recommend Parent Gym. It’s fun, full of practical tips and its interesting hearing other parents discuss the good and bad side of being a parent! It was really helpful” (St Mark’s parent) Find out more at this taster session 2.15-3pm |
| Thursday 27 Feb <i>Parent Gym starts</i> | CHAT –help your child communicate confidently. 9-11am in the Music room. |
| Thursday 5 March | LOVE – how to balance fun with discipline. 9-11am in the Music room. |
| Wednesday 11 March | Anti-bullying awareness –what parents need to know with Heather Vacciana 9-10am |
| Thursday 12 March | BEHAVE –tips on being consistent in setting boundaries so your kids with thrive 9-11am |
| Thursday 19 March | CARE – how can we encourage our kids to be more healthy? 9-11am in the Music room. |
| Thursday 26 March | DISCOVER - tips to help children learn at home and school. 9-11am in the Music room. |
| Thursday 2 April | TOGETHER – building a strong family. 9-11am in the Music room. |