



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, Carers

Welcome to the second half of our Summer term and the last half term of this academic year! I hope you are all safe and well. It certainly has been a challenging time for us all during this pandemic.

We have started this half of the term with a phased return of some children in Y6, Y1 and the early years classes and so far all seems to be running well. Numbers in these classes will gradually increase over the weeks as we attempt to get the children back to what will be a new normality. The school remains open for our keyworker children and as the country slowly starts getting back to work, the keyworker list is likely to expand. We will be sending out messages via Ping with updates on this.

In the meantime I hope you and your families stay safe.

Warm regards,

Martha Braithwaite

St Mark's Got Talent

Yesterday was the deadline for Round 1 of St Mark's Got Talent. Well done to all children and families who entered this year's competition. Finalist will be announced next week (w/b 8th June 2020) in preparation for Round 2. All finalists will be contacted by telephone and will have until Friday 19th June to polish up their performances and send in their final showcase video. These videos will be compiled and shown to everybody in the 'St Mark's Got Talent Grand Finale' video during the week beginning Monday 22nd June. There will then be a school voting system where everyone will get the chance to vote for the overall winners in each category. This will be announced on Friday 26th June in a socially distanced Celebration Assembly.

Finance & Furlough

For parents looking for the latest financial information regarding the Government's furlough scheme and rights for self-employed people, make sure that you check out the latest tips and advice on the 'Money Saving Expert' website (link below). This site also has plenty of other financial advice and ways for you and your family to save money.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/latesttip/>

Hampers for Free School Meal Families

We are continuing to provide hampers on a fortnightly basis for all children who are entitled to Free School Meals and are not able to come to school. As we have opened school to our early years, Y1 and Y6 children, those children will be having their meal at school so will not qualify for a hamper. If you have more than 1 child at the school and only one of your children is in the above group, you will still qualify for a hamper for the child who is not attending. As always, a message will be sent via school ping when the hampers are available for collection.

Please feel free to check whether you are eligible via the following website

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

Congratulations to Mr Jones & Miss Hickman

We are pleased to share the wonderful news of Mr Jones's engagement during half term. Some of you will know Miss Hickman as she was our Y2 teacher. We wish them every happiness for a wonderful future together.

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision