



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

I hope you are all well.

Next week will see St Mark's welcome back our last groups of children for this academic year. After this, we will be full under social distancing rules. We will have around 100 children attending with all teachers and classrooms being used. I am extremely disappointed that we are unable to invite more children back but this is due to the current restrictions. For those who have been able to return I know it has been of huge benefit and it is great to see children so happy to be back and ready to learn. My huge appreciation and gratitude goes to everyone involved in enabling everything to run so smoothly, from the teaching to the admin, to the drop off and pick up times.

Warm regards,
Martha Braithwaite

School Uniform Grants

Y6 children eligible for free school meals are also eligible for a uniform grant. Islington council will pay £150 to help meet the cost of school uniforms. To apply you must complete the school uniform application form on the Islington website:

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

Black Lives Matter

Thank you to all the children who have sent in pictures of themselves kneeling in support of Black Lives Matter. They have been put up on to the website with a document for parents which includes activities and tips to empower children to work towards race equality. It also has some good suggestions for parents on how to tackle challenging topics.

Staffing Changes for September

This July we say goodbye to three members of staff. Sadly, we are losing Miss Aalt, who is moving back to Liverpool to continue her teaching there. Mrs Lockwood, who is going to take some time out from teaching to spend more time with her family and, Lola our Y1 TA, who has been inspired by the lockdown to help disadvantaged children. I thank them all for their dedication and hard work towards the children of St Mark's and wish them the very best for the future. You will all be missed.

St Mark's Got Talent

A huge well done to the finalists of this year's St Mark's Got Talent competition. All finalist videos will be showcased next week via the school website and Google Classroom. Votes will be taken via School Ping and the winners will be announced on Friday 26th June. Well done to all who have taken part and may the best act win!

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision