

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this final newsletter of the academic year finds you and your families safe and well.

As we come to the end of a very strange school year, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge everyone for the work they have been doing in ensuring the safety and learning of all continues through these difficult times.

All of our worlds took a dramatic change in March when the announcement came that schools would be closed. Over the next four months' staff, children and parents all worked hard to ensure that learning continued. I know at times this was difficult for many families but you persevered and children continued to learn and grow. I would like to thank all the staff, children and families that ensured this happened, the team effort it has taken to ensure learning continued is notable and greatly appreciated. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and willingness to engage with us as we transitioned to Google Classroom, home learning. Information regarding next year has been sent out to you all and I am looking forward to us all being back together in September.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer,

Martha Braithwaite

Goodbye Y6

I would like to say goodbye and good luck to our amazing Year 6 pupils who are leaving us today. I am delighted that so many of them were able to come back before the summer break and spend time with each other before they go off to their new schools. I'm told their leavers service was an emotional celebration, enjoyed by all. I am very sorry to have missed it! They have always been a fantastic year group and have also been excellent role models to the younger pupils within the school. They have worked extremely hard, always trying their best and keeping us all entertained with their amazing skills, talents and creativity. I would like to wish them all the best for the future, as they leave us and move to the next chapter of their education. They will always have a special place in the hearts of all the staff and we will miss them dearly. Many thanks to Mrs Bearfoot and Rev Trev for organising such a lovely service.

Islington Summer Play schemes

Islington are running a number of holiday play schemes this summer. Booking is essential and places will be limited with priority given to children of critical workers and families of vulnerable children. Evidence of eligibility for priority will need to be provided. All remaining places will be open to all children with priority given to working families. Please check the Islington website for more details.

https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/advice.page?id=_Lh9F-43XRk

Changes to start and finish times in September

We will be welcoming all children back on Monday 7th September. A letter detailing the changes and new procedures will be sent out to you separately. Please see the box below for your location, drop off time and location.

Class	Drop off time	Location	Collection time
2 Yr Olds	8.45	Mitford Rd	11.45
Nursery	8.55	Mitford Rd	Tbc
Reception	8.50	Pitch gate	3.10
Y1	8.50	Playground gate	3.20
Y2	8.50	Playground gate	3.20
Y3	8.50	Playground gate	3.20
Y4	8.55	Playground gate	3.30
Y5	8.55	Playground gate	3.30
Y6	8.55	Playground gate	3.30