



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we said Goodbye to one of our lovely catering staff, Shilpi. Shilpi has been with us for four years and made a huge contribution to us gaining our school of excellence award for lunches. We have also learnt recently that we will be saying goodbye to our lovely cook Annie in the New Year as she is retiring and Mia who has been working in Amber class has had to begin her maternity leave early.

A cold spell of weather is on the way so wrap up warm this weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Braithwaite

Reminder-Parent Meetings Thursday 29th November

A reminder that Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 29th November from 3.45pm. Letters will be sent out soon so please make sure that you have an appointment booked in order to discuss the progress that your child(ren) is/are making. Please return your preferred appointment times to your child's class teacher and they will get back to you with confirmation.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week the children have been taking part in Anti-Bullying week activities. The theme for this year is RESPECT. In school we have been exploring the meaning of respect through a range of contexts. Well done to everyone who wore odd socks on Wednesday to highlight diversity. There were some amazing socks as there are children!

Christmas fair

After some doubt, our annual Christmas fair will be going ahead on Friday 14th December in the school hall.

There is a meeting on Thursday 22nd at 9am to discuss. Please come along.

Parent Governor Elections

Many thanks to all parents who voted in our recent governor elections. I am pleased to announce that our two new governors are Kate Debarry and Anna Seymour.

The staff and current governing body look forward to their work and contributions.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Bearfoot for her very special Remembrance Day assembly on Monday. It focused on remembering the end of the First World War and the significance of the poppy. Children were extremely thoughtful and respectful in their contributions.

Families Prayer Group

Do come & join us to pray for St Marks School, staff, children & families!

2.45-3.30pm Thursday 6th December in the School Music room (next to the school hall)

We're hoping to do this at least once a month.

Want to know more? Just catch us at school drop off or pickup. Thanks, Heni Draskoczy (Mum to Maté, Yr 4) or Bex Daynes (Mum to Benji Yr 6 & Joshy Yr 3)

Christmas Dinner

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school skirt or trousers to our Christmas dinner on 13th December.

Dates for Your Diary

Parent consultations	Thurs 29 th Nov -3.45 onwards
Christmas Nativity	Wednesday 12 th December 2pm
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Fair	Friday 14 th December
Class Parties	Thurs 20 th December
End of term	Friday 21 st December -2pm

*Greater love has no one other than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15 v13



The School Garden

Gardening is still in full swing at school, we have had a busy few months working in the garden with volunteers who have helped make our school grounds look lovely for Autumn. The children have harvested the lavender and some will be making lavender bags over the next few weeks. Classes have been planting onions, garlic, broad beans and sweet peas.

We have entered, for the 3rd year running, the London Children's Flower Society's Spring Bulb competition – Reception class are growing Tête à Tête daffodils at home, other classes to follow! We will remind children to bring their daffodil or hyacinth bulb back to school in time for the judging which will take place in the Spring – Good Luck to everyone who is taking part!

Gardening After School Club for families is on again! Come and join me every Thursday at 3.30pm for a variety of gardening & environmental activities. £1 per family.

Saturday 17th November Bulb Planting Day 10am - 4pm
Come and see the new garden area and help plant spring bulbs for school and to take home

See you in the garden soon.

Caroline

