



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,

Happy Valentines day to you all. I hope you have all been acknowledged by a loved one, because you are all special.

Today on the steps of the town hall, Y4 and Y5 wowed councilors, other schools and members of the public with their passion and concern for climate change. Since then we have been inundated with calls and comments from the public. What an amazing group of children we have.

Thank you to staff for all you have given this term so far. Wishing you all a wonderful half term,

Ms Braithwaite

New Appointment

With the second half of our Spring term approaching, Lambs are not the only thing we are expecting to be born! Miss Williams, our Year 1 teacher is due to have her baby in April and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term. We are very pleased to have appointed a teacher to take over the Y1 class in her absence. Nesim Mohamed will start in her new post on Monday 24th February which allows Miss Williams to handover the post in a timely fashion and children to familiarise themselves with their new teacher.

Product of Islington Award

Jamal Kutu, our Early Years Support Assistant attended an award ceremony on Monday evening following him being nominated as being a Product of Islington. Jamal was born in Islington and his primary and secondary education was at Islington schools. He then went on work in the borough too. Jamal joined St Mark's as a volunteer and then joined as a staff member in 2006. Well Done Jamal you truly are a Product of Islington!

Time to bring your daffodil back to school! Have you enjoyed growing your daffodil at home? Some have bloomed very early but don't worry, if you bring in a photo of your daffodil looking its best we will make sure the judge gets to see it. Please make sure your daffodils have your child's name and year group clearly marked somewhere on the pot or the photo and return them to school the week beginning Monday 2nd March. All children will receive either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate for growing their flowers.

Other Garden news: Our school gardens are showing signs of spring, look closely to spot a crocus or two! Our lunchtime garden club children have created a new strawberry bed and have been busy growing broad beans and garlic which will all

be ready in late Spring. This term lots of the children have been bird counting for the RSPB.

After School Gardening Club is back! The club will begin again on Thursday 27th February 3.30pm – 4:30pm, for lots of food growing, environmental and nature themed activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult £1 per family.

Parent and Friends Prayer Group

Thank you to those parents who came to pray with us yesterday. We aim to pray as a group for St Mark's school, staff, children and families on a monthly basis on Thursdays from 8am to 8.30am. The next prayer group will be on Thursday 12th March. Reminders will be sent via School Ping. In the meantime, for more details, please speak to Sophie (Judah & Romola's Mum, Bex (Joshy's Mum), Heni (Mate's Mum) or Miss Michael (Y4 Teacher).

School Uniform – A Reminder

Leggings are not part of our school uniform. Girls may wear grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores. Short type leggings may be worn under skirts but should not be visible. Shoes must be all black and boots only worn for the journey to and from school. Once your child is in school they should be wearing shoes.

Dates for your Diary

Half term	Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st February
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 3 rd March 10am
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 10 th March 10am
Nursery Assembly	Tuesday 24 th March 10am
Parent's Evening	Thursday 26 th March
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 31 st March 10am
End of term	Friday 3 rd April -2pm

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision