



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,

It's official – St Mark's CE Primary School is excellent! I am very pleased to have been able to share the outcome of our recent SIAMs in the report sent out via our new communication app, School Ping. We were given the highest mark possible for this inspection which is very well deserved. Our children were fabulous on the day and wowed the inspector with their knowledge and understanding. Please look at the report on the website and don't forget to download our School Ping App if you haven't already done so.

Ms Braithwaite

Coronavirus

We are sure you are all very concerned about this virus. As a school we are taking advice from the local authority and following Government advice. A deep-clean (sanitisation) of the whole school will be undertaken this weekend and we are encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day. We are encouraging parents to provide a pack of pocket sized tissues for their children to catch, bin and kill any germs. Currently there have been no school closures in Islington nor any reports of anyone having the virus locally but as you know this could change on a daily basis. We will be keeping you updated via School Ping.

World Book Day – Share a Million Stories

Celebrations began with parents and carers being invited to class to share reading with their children. Then, our 'drop everything and read' when the bell rings, kept the children alert and excited all morning. The afternoon session began with a whole school quiz. In their team colours our children were tested on authors, plot, titles and book covers! The winning team will be announced next week.

Friday was our environmentally friendly dress up day and Dance workshops followed that theme. Next week we continue our enjoyment of reading and each child will take home a 'reading monitor' encouraging them to share their reading with you. The data collected from this will give us a chance to win £1000 worth of books each week during the month of March.

Ashing Service

Last week the whole school attended an Ashing Service to mark the beginning of Lent. Rev Trev lead the service at St Mark's Church and the children had the chance to reflect on what Lent means to us and ways we can serve others at this important time in the Christian calendar. Children and staff were given to opportunity to have an Ash cross on their forehead to show that we are sorry for things we might have done wrong.

Parent and Friends Prayer Group

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 19th March, 8am to 8.30am. 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).

Parent's Evening

Please note that parent evening invites will be sent out via **School Ping only**. If you have not downloaded the app please do so asap to ensure that you are able to select a time slot to meet with your child's teacher.

Dates for your Diary

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