



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 that you are all enjoying learning together and slowly beginning to adapt to this way of life. No doubt, the previously unused terms of "social distancing" and "self-isolation" are now an embedded part of your vocabulary. Above all of this, I hope you and your family are happy, safe and well and will remain so throughout this very challenging period.

It fills me with great sadness to have to tell you that due to Covid 19 we have lost a member of our school community, the father of one of our children in early years. Tragically, this happened before Easter but we were unable to share this with you until now. His wife, who is a nurse returns to work next week. We wish her strength and guidance as she gets back to work on the frontline. Our hearts go out to her and the family. Someone so special will not be forgotten. Keep safe and well and have a lovely weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

A New Arrival

We are very pleased to announce the wonderful news that Miss Williams has safely given birth to a beautiful baby girl. She arrived on April 3rd and weighed 7lbs 1oz. Mum, Dad and baby Arabella are all very well. Photos are on the website.

Free School Meals

We have had lots of queries regarding vouchers being issued to families who are entitled to free school meals. Whilst some schools in Islington have been issuing vouchers to spend in local supermarkets, St Mark's was selected to receive hampers which are issued on a 7 to 10-day basis and provide a good stock of essential food items to feed your child. We expect the next round of hampers early next week and parents will be sent a message regarding pick up times when they arrive.

All families are given guidance on how to apply for free school meals when their child joins the school. If you have not completed the on-line form to ascertain whether or not you are entitled, please do so as soon as possible at the following link

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

WE Love the NHS

Our Keyworker children have put together a lovely poem in appreciation of the wonderful work that the NHS and frontline workers are doing.

*We are the children of the frontline workers,
we're so proud of what our parents do.
While you're at home with your family
we are missing ours at school.
They are working to protect us
from this virus that is so cruel,
by removing hugs and interaction
and changing everything we do.
We have faith and admiration
for all of us who play our part,
Your sacrifices, hope and compassion
will help to kill this virus fast.
So spare a thought for all humanity,
never before have we needed them.
Stay at home and protect each other
until the time we meet again.*

ZOO Cams

If you get a chance, have a look at the live video stream at Edinburgh Zoo with the children at the following link <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams> It is truly amazing to see the animals both relaxing and at play.

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision