



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

We have been lucky so far this term that autumn has been relatively mild, but the forecast for the coming weeks is that colder weather is on the way. Following recently updated guidance from the department for Education, schools have been told to aid ventilation in schools to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As a result, windows and classroom doors must be kept open during the school day. Children are still required to wear full school uniform and are encouraged to wear a thermal vest or long sleeved t-shirt underneath. Long socks and tights would also be helpful. We understand that this is not ideal but must follow the guidance for everyone's safety.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers for making yourselves available for this term's telephone parents evening. I hope that you managed to get a very clear overview of how well your child has settled back in to school and is progressing across the curriculum

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all families who took part in the poppy making homework task, the children designed and made some beautiful poppies. In our special Remembrance Day assembly, they wore their poppies with pride and respect. There are pictures available on our website of some of the lovely creations.

Nasal Flu Immunisation – Thursday 26th November

Thank you to all who have sent back the Immunisation Consent Forms to let us know whether or not you want your child to have the nasal spray immunisation. The deadline for the return of the consents is Monday morning 23rd November when the nursing team will be coming in to collect them. The immunisations will be administered on Thursday 26th November.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week the children have been taking part in Anti-Bullying week activities. The theme for this year is Change Starts With Us. In school, we have been exploring the meaning of this through a range of contexts. Well done to everyone who wore odd socks on Friday to highlight diversity. There were some amazing socks!

Christmas Festivities

Given the current circumstances, it can be difficult to plan for Christmas. We want to ensure that in school all children have experiences to look forward to. The school will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December and intend to make this as enjoyable an occasion as is possible. On this day, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school, in return for bringing a donation of a toiletry for one of the many homeless shelters catering for the less fortunate in London this Christmas. A date for class parties and our Nativity will be shared with you soon. The final day of the autumn term is Friday 18th December and school will finish from 12.30pm.

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision