



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Having parents in for the Secondary Transfer Meeting created a real sense of normality and things returning to the way we would like and we are now looking forward to seeing more of you in small groups as the Autumn Term goes on. We have our Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church on the 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am and would love for you to join us there.

Our new look, updated website is now up and running and includes lots of information and pictures about the learning so far this term so please check it out.

Thank you for your continued support, Ms Braithwaite

**Today marks the start of Black History Month in the UK. The event was first recognised by the US government in 1976, and first celebrated in the UK in 1987.**

People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, many believe their value and contribution to society is often overlooked, ignored or distorted.

Many schools still teach a history curriculum which focuses on traditional events and the achievements of white figures. Here at St Mark's we have rewritten the curriculum to reflect our community including Black History. This month, classes will be learning about prominent figures and one class will be focusing on Yvonne Connelly who was the first black head teacher in the UK. She worked in an Islington school from 1969.

**St Mark's Football Team are on the way to victory! The following is a report from one of our Y6 pupils:**

On Tuesday a few children from Years 5 and 6 were chosen to represent the school in a football tournament. The team that was selected would play different schools in Islington. Here are the results. The first game was an amazing win against Montem 3-0. The second was a close battle against Yerbury 0-0. The third game was a match against St Joseph's that St Mark's won 2-0. To finish it off, a tough but great match against Tufnell Park primary which we won 2-0. Because of these incredible victories, the team has qualified to play in the finals on Friday.

**Autumn Fair – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Please put the date in your diary for this fantastic parent led event. Some of the things to look forward to include activity stalls, food stalls, bouncy castle, raffle prizes, tombola and a family cake baking competition.

**Y6 Parents Secondary Transfer Meeting**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday. We hope you are now familiar with the process of applying for Secondary Schools for your child. Please remember if you need help with completing the on-line application form, Ayesha Taylor is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays to assist you with this.

**Meet the Teacher**

After class assemblies are finished you are invited to meet the class teacher.

**Dates For Your Diary**

Y5 Class Assembly	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Y6 Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	Mon 25 <sup>h</sup> -Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Y4 Class Assembly	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent consultations Week of 15 <sup>th</sup> November	We hope to be able to offer face to face meetings
End of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December -2pm

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

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*