



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term is nearly over and the dark nights are closing in. Once again, the changes to routines and procedures have not fazed the children and they have adapted brilliantly to life in school. Yesterday, myself and a group of children met Alan Titchmarsh to receive a trophy for our outstanding planting while back at school a special black history month lunch was being enjoyed by the children. We have had several cases of Covid amongst the children so if you sense your child is unwell with any of the symptoms associated, please let the school know. Next week we break up for half term, please remember that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Braithwaite

## **Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for Harvest Festival Service at St Mark's Church on Thursday at 10am. Donations of Tinned and Dried food are welcome which will be given to our local foodbank.

## **NHS Islington – Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray**

NHS England Nurses will be at St Mark's on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October to administer the flu immunisation nasal spray to children in Reception up to Y6. Information was sent home at the beginning of term regarding the process and parents\carers were asked to complete and return the consent form. It is essential that these forms are returned with the 'Yes' or 'No' section completed. If there are children without returned forms on the day of the immunisation, details will be taken by the Nurses who will contact the parents\carers directly. Every child must be accounted for with a record of consent or non-consent.

## **Calling Year 6 Parents**

If you need help to fill out the online application form for secondary school, please make sure you see Ayesha Taylor on Wednesday or Thursday next week as this will be the final opportunity for assistance. Please do not leave it until the last moment to apply just in case the council's website experiences a last minute crash! Remember you can select up to 6 schools and we advise you to attend every open day that you can or, if possible, make an appointment to see the school. Good luck!

## **Autumn Fair**

What a great success our Autumn Fair was last Friday. Huge thanks go to our wonderful Friends of St Mark's Team who worked tirelessly to plan and organise the event. Check out the website for news and photos of the afternoon's activities (and lots of other exciting news). Plans and ideas for the next school event are already underway, if you would like to be part of the Friends of St Mark's Team and can offer your help, please let us know.

## **Car Boot Sale at Duncombe Primary**

Duncombe Primary School on Sussex Way, is having a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 12 to 3pm. For stall enquiries please call the school on 0207 272 5620.

## **Coats**

As the weather starts to get colder, it is important that your child comes to school in appropriate clothing. Please make sure your child is coming to school with a jumper and coat. To reduce the risk of Covid spreading we are keeping classrooms well ventilated which means they can be quite cold.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

Just a reminder that whilst children can now ride bikes and scooters to school, we ask that they do not ride them on the school grounds.

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

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*