



# St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term break. We have a busy term ahead and are looking forward to getting in to the festive mood, remembering always, what Christmas represents.

With the dark nights now here the temptation for a sparkle in the sky is very exciting. If you are watching the fireworks tonight, please be very careful. If you are having your own display, please make sure that you follow the safety guidelines and remember to keep your pets safely indoors.

Wishing you a happy and safe weekend. Ms Braithwaite

### Poetry Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November

St Mark's will be celebrating 'Poetry Week' from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Children have been asked to learn a poem for a class recital and we are looking forward to hearing these. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November we have Paul Lyalls in for the day. Paul is a renowned poet who has worked with Michael Rosen and we are pleased to inform you that he has agreed to a book signing session after school to launch his latest works. The cost is £5 per copy.

### Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Children have been set homework to make poppies in commemoration of those who sacrificed in World War and other conflicts. The poppies can be red (to remember all those who sacrificed their lives during these conflicts), white (to promote peace), black (to commemorate the Black, African and Caribbean communities' contribution to the war effort) or purple (to remember the animals that have been victims of war). We are looking forward to seeing the poppies, which in the past have been beautifully presented by the children during assembly.

### Individual Photos – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Our school photographer will be in on Friday morning, 18<sup>th</sup> November, to take individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that your child is in full uniform and arrives promptly to school on that day. Sibling photos are usually done first so if you have more than one child at the school please make sure they are all in on time. Big smiles for the photos please!

### Cross Country Run – Y4, Y5 & Y6

Our Phase 3 children will be taking part in the Islington Primary Schools Cross Country Run on Tuesday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> November. We have some excellent runners at St Mark's and we have done very well in past runs. Good Luck Phase 3.

### Winter Wonderland – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3.30 to 5pm

Our lovely Friends of St Marks will be organising a very special event for Christmas this year. They are going to transform the playground area into a 'Winter Wonderland' and have various stalls selling cakes, Christmas Cookies, Gingerbread, Arts & Crafts activities and even a special appearance from Santa if he is not too busy!

As always, the Friends of St Mark's would appreciate any help parents and carers can offer, please look out for messages and flyers in the weeks to come.

### Meet the Teacher

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

### Dates For Your Diary

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*