



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to our Spring Term. I very much hope that you all managed to have a good rest during the Christmas break and that you are looking forward to Spring and all the new things it brings.

On a sad note, we received the shocking news last week about an ex-pupil who after a very short period of illness, passed away. I have managed to speak to some of you in the playground and would like you to know that I am available if you need any support around this. We will be holding a service in school for Vanessa's classmates and their parents next Thursday at 5pm, this will be led by our vicar, Rev Trev in the school hall. We have also placed a memorial table and prayer tree in the reception area of the school office so that children and staff can hang special prayers for Vanessa and her family. Very Best Wishes, Ms Braithwaite

## CHANGES TO THE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD FOR THOSE WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

## GOODBYE TO MISS MICHAEL

Following Miss Michael's recent ill health, she has decided to take a break from teaching and has now left St Mark's. Miss Michael joined us in September 2017 and is much loved by the school community. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

We are hopeful of finding a replacement for a class teacher for Y4 and in the interim of finding a suitable candidate, Mr Jones and Mrs Bearfoot will continue to cover the class.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER: Applications for Admission to Reception Class September 2022

We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that the closing date for applications for Reception places to be received is Saturday 15th January 2022. To give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications on time.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y6 Class Assembly	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am
Y5 Class Assembly	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb at 10am
Y4 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am
Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar at 10am
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar at 10am
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar at 10am
Rec Class Assembly	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar at 10am
End of term	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 2pm

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

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*