



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of January is coming to an end and the dark afternoons are slowly fading. Staff and pupils have been working diligently and things have continued to move at pace with the children being kept busy with lots of exciting learning and new topics. I am pleased that we are able to continue to provide a full and thorough offer for all of our children despite the challenges and continued cases of COVID.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Ms Braithwaite

### R.I.P Vanessa

Last Thursday evening, a service was held in the school hall in remembrance of Vanessa, who sadly passed away to SEPSIS at the beginning of January. The service was attended by her parents and classmates. Thanks to your kind generosity, the non-school uniform day held in her honour the following day raised a total of £500 which will go to The SEPSIS Trust.

We will also be planting a tree in our spiritual garden to remember Vanessa in the next few weeks.

### Sussex way Traffic

As a School Street, Sussex Way has temporary restrictions on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. However, this does not mean that cars and traffic do not use the street. Too many children are standing in the road with and without their parents at the start and end of the day. The result of a school street should be a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone, let's make sure it is by using the pavement and remaining vigilant during the restricted hours.

### Covid Update

As you will be aware, last Wednesday the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A, from yesterday. For us as a school this has meant very little change with staff and visitors still encouraged to wear face coverings in communal areas. All other remaining protective measures in school, as outlined in our risk assessment, remain in place and under constant review.

### Friends of St Mark's

Following the success of the Autumn and Winter festivals, FOSM are busy planning the year ahead with an Easter treat planned for late March.

The money raised from all events will be going towards the redevelopment of our school library.

If you have time, ideas and would like to support your child's school please let Ayesha know.

### Report from the Courageous Advocates-Climate Change Club

As you may know, we have recently had a bake sale to raise money for our Climate Change Club (The CCC). Thank you so much for attending. Due to your generous donations we raised £120 in total. We are very grateful. The club will meet up shortly to discuss how we intend to spend the money whilst helping the environment.

Parents are invited to attend class assemblies but are required to wear a mask throughout the duration.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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*