



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy the sunshine. The summer term is always a busy one and after two summer terms with restrictions in place we are looking forward to some normality. We have SATs in two weeks and the Y6 children are working tirelessly to achieve their best and show how focused they are despite the challenge of the last two years.

The early Spring Bank Holiday means we have a long weekend coming up as tomorrow is an INSET day and school is closed to children. This weekend is also the end of Ramadan and we wish Eid Mubarak to those of you who celebrate this event and hope you enjoy all that this time brings.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Ms Braithwaite

## Reception Children – Preparing for Year 1

It will soon be time to begin preparing the Reception class children for their transition into Y1. From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May pick up will be from the main gate with the rest of the school. Also, from that date the Reception children will be attending more collective worship sessions in the mornings.

## School Choir - Guildhall Performance

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> the choir took part in a concert at the Guildhall School of Music. The concert was a collaboration with the Snaps Ensemble, a London based orchestra and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. The choir performed a new version of Walton's Facade, a combination of music and poetry, and Tabby McTat, a new setting of a story by Julia Donaldson. It was a brilliant event and the choir represented St Mark's wonderfully all day.

## School Library

Our Library refurbishment is well underway and it is looking fabulous. The main works have been completed and we are now furnishing the space to make it a more relaxing and inviting environment for the children to spend time reading. As always, the costs for improving the school environment are high and we all want the best for our wonderful children. To that end, we are setting up a just giving page on our website and will be very grateful for any donations.

## Healthy Packed Lunch

May we remind you that if your child wishes to have a packed lunch rather than a school meal, the packed lunch should not contain sweets, biscuits, crisps or sugary drinks. The lunch should be a healthy balanced meal, for example a sandwich, a piece of fruit or vegetables and some water.

## Made of Money Workshops

We hope that those parents and carers who attended the popular Made of Money workshop this morning found it useful and look forward to them joining the next sessions. This workshop is open to all parents and carers and we hope to see you there over the coming weeks. Please contact Ayesha Taylor on Wednesdays or Thursdays if you would like more information.

## Well Done Y6

Our lovely Y6 children have been preparing for their upcoming SATs with extra booster classes twice per week as well as a whole week of the Easter Holidays for lessons with Mr Peacock and Mr McEleney. Well done Y6 you are all brilliant and on the right track to do very well.

## Late Pick Ups

Please be mindful of the fact that the school day ends at 3.25pm. We have an increasing number of children being picked up late which impacts on staff time.

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

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*