



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final half term of this academic year is here and there are only seven school weeks before the end of the school year.

I am delighted that we have been able to have a full year in school. I hope that next week you all enjoy a sun filled, happy half term week with your families. Please remember that all children are expected to be here right up until the last day (Thursday 21st July) when we will be celebrating the achievements made in our end of term special assembly.

Best wishes and see you on the 6th June.

Ms Braithwaite

School Choir at the 02

On Monday 23rd May the St Mark's choir made their return to the Young Voices concert at the 02 Arena. The event, originally planned for 2020, is the LARGEST choir concert in the world. On Monday approximately 8000 thousand children were singing together!

What an incredible experience it was for our choir. They sung their hearts out to the Beatles Medley, tried out beat-boxing with some beat-boxing world champions, took part in a mega rave, and invented a whole number of torch based challenges. Our choir were a shining testament to St Mark's and we are already looking forward to next year!

Jubilee Celebrations – Outdoor Lunch

St Mark's will be celebrating the Jubilee on Thursday 9th June and the children will be having a picnic style lunch outside. Children may come to school in non-uniform on that day and may like to wear party outfits for the occasion.

Half Term Homework

Staying on the subject of Jubilee, we would like the children to take part in a whole school homework project. This will be to design a jubilee themed flag which we will add to our bunting being put up at the outdoor picnic lunch. Please see the website for more details.

Year 6 Transition Project

For their very last half term at St Mark's, our lovely Y6 will be working with Miss Campbell on her 'Live your Dreams' project which helps them with transition to Secondary school. We are so proud of what they have all achieved and can hardly believe that for them, secondary education is only months away.

STEAM Week

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Week will take place during the last term of this academic year. There will be projects and workshops for the children to participate in and we anticipate they will have lots of fun and exciting learning!

Baseball Club

A note from one of our pupils

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Olive and I am a pupil in Year 5. I am writing to you to tell you about the baseball club I created during lockdown. I started by gathering all my friends and we had weekly Zoom calls. These 12 friends became 'The Committee'. As we were kids a Shadow Board was formed (the parents of the committee). We decided on the name 'Whittington Cats' and created our logo. Once we were able to actually meet up again in May 2021, we organised weekly sessions at Tufnell Park from 5-6pm. My dad, John, is the coach and I have also ran a few sessions. At the moment we have up to 20 kids joining the sessions and they all love it!

If you are interested in joining us please come for a free trial session. I am available to speak to after school at pick-up time in the playground.

Kind regards

Olive Y5

Phonics and Times tables Screening

The Department for Education instructs all schools to carry out phonics screening (test) for children in Year 1. The tests will take place during the week commencing 6th June. Please be assured that the assessment activities will be done by Miss Adams on a one-to-one basis with each child, lasting 5 - 10 minutes, in a low-key and fun manner to enable the children to do their best and to clarify to the Teacher how we can help them continue to make good progress. Year 4 will also be taking their times tables screening tests this week, their tests will be done online. Please ensure that your child is in school during this week as results of the test have to be submitted to the DFE and the Local Authority.

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

Psalm 119 Vs 105

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