



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this very hot spell of weather is enjoyable for you and that it lasts the weekend so that you and your children can have some fun outdoors.

Very shortly we will be saying goodbye to our Y6 class, they have already started their goodbyes with an eight school service last Thursday at St Mary's church. The Islington Deanery service was a really lovely and well-ordered event and all the children created a very spiritual atmosphere which was calm, reverent and thoughtful. They are now busy learning their lines and getting ready for their show.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Ms Braithwaite

Jubilee Celebrations – Outdoor Lunch

I hope you've all had a chance to see our Jubilee Celebration lunch photos on the website. We all had a lovely time and were joined by several visitors who couldn't help but get involved. Thank you to parents for dressing your children up and for the wonderful bunting homework that was submitted.

Baseball Club

Y5 had a wonderful time at Regents Park last Friday with Baseball UK. They learned about the game, developed their technique and got to play against some professional players. Please see our website for pictures.

Farmers Market.

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our farmer's market after school last Tuesday. On sale were home grown strawberries, lettuce, basil, rosemary, coriander, redcurrants and parsley. We managed to raise over £50 which is fantastic and will be used for more seeds and some much needed chicken feed.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is good to see that attendance is over the 95% minimum for attendance however, punctuality continues to be an issue and is having a detrimental impact on some children's learning. Please remember we have a soft start with a ten-minute window of time to drop off your child. No child should arrive at school after 9am without a genuine reason. All children should be in school and ready to start learning by 9.00am.

A Gentle Reminder!

Please ensure that we have **at least 3 emergency contact numbers** at school for your child. It is essential that we are able to contact either you or another adult named by you if there is an emergency regarding your child or if they are ill and need to go home. Also, please let us know if you have changed your number.

School Uniform Grants

Y6 children eligible for free school meals are also eligible for a uniform grant. Islington council will pay £150 to help meet the cost of school uniforms. To apply you must complete the school uniform application form on the Islington website:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

Keeping Safe In The Sun

The sun's rays are particularly strong between April and September and can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. It is advisable that sun cream is applied for school every day now, until the end of the school year in July. We will be working with children in school to discuss the dangers of the sun and the importance of sun cream. A hat and a water bottle are also advisable.

Website link for more news, updates and information
<https://www.st-marks.islington.sch.uk/news/>

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