



St Mark's News

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light to my path

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Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the mornings are brighter, it is a good time to remind you about the importance of being punctual. Last half term too many children arrived at school after the playground gate had closed. This not only impacts them but other children, as well as the teachers who have to stop and start with the learning. Please aim to get your child to school at 8.50am. Children who are not in class, seated and ready to learn for 9am are late and will be marked as such.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

REMINDER! Children in Need – Friday 18 November

Friday 18th November is Children in Need Day. We are asking all children to come to school looking SPOTACULAR. There will be games and activities in classes on the day, which all children will take part in. Children are also asked to donate £1 to the charity.

IQ Cards – Turning your child's design into print

Parents and carers will have received a message on SchoolPing about a wonderful opportunity to have a design drawn by their child printed onto a range of items, e.g. cards, wrapping paper, keyrings and magnets etc. Please be sure to send in the designs by 9am on Tuesday 8th November, which is the deadline for placing orders.

Parent\carer consultation meetings

The Autumn term parent\carer consultation meetings will take place on Thursday 24th November. This is a good opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the class teacher to discuss how their child is settling in to their new year group and their progress so far this academic year. Please look out for the message via SchoolPing next week, as this is the only way you will be able to book your time slot for the meeting.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be taking individual photos (as well as siblings where applicable) on Friday 11th November. Please ensure your child is wearing full uniform and a big bright smile.

St Mark's Home School Agreement

The Home School Agreement is a very important document which we must have on file for every child at the school. We are in the process of updating ours and once this has been done we will send it home to parents and carers to complete, sign and return to the school office. We are aiming to get this out within the next two weeks and copies will be available at the parent consultation meetings. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Cross Country Run

On Wednesday 3rd November our lovely Y4 and Y5 children took part in the Islington Primary Schools Cross Country Run at Finsbury Park. Thankfully, this year the weather wasn't too bad which we are sure was a blessing to parents who did not have to face washing muddy clothing! A number of primary schools took part in this event and St Mark's in particular did very well. Well done St Mark's!

Friends of St Mark's – Fundraising for the Winter Fair

Friends of St Mark's, our PTA group, are looking for new recruits. They will be meeting every Monday during November at 9am. We would encourage parents and carers who have the time to join them to discuss fundraising ideas and suggestions for the Winter Fair. Our Friends of St Mark's have been very successful in fundraising in the past. They contributed towards the cost of the wonderful Library makeover, a poet coming into the school for the day with the children, helping towards the coach costs for the Y6 journey and much more. Please help them to raise their profile again, so that the Friends of St Mark's can raise as much as possible to benefit our lovely children.

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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision