



# St Mark's News

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light to my path

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The cold weather is definitely here which I know brings added worry and pressure to lots of families. Please be reminded that the Islington website contains lots of information about support for families in need.

The World Cup begins this weekend with the England men taking on Iran on Monday at 1pm. Although this is the team's one game scheduled to take place within school hours we will only be making the start of the match available to children. FIFA's choice to host the tournament in Qatar has been very controversial and is 'at odds' with our work as a school to value everyone. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ms Braithwaite

## Children in Need

Thank you for sending your children in today wearing spotty clothing, they all looked SPOTACULAR!. Donations to the charity were gratefully received and we will let you know the grand total during next week.

## Parent\Carer consultation meetings

All parents and carers were sent a message via SchoolPing regarding these meetings, along with the option to book your 10-minute time-slot. Please do this as soon as possible, as 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.

## Individual Pupil Photos

Your child's photograph has arrived just in time for Christmas and is available to order. We hope you are happy with the image. Please use the order form provided to select the package you want and put the correct money inside the envelope before sealing it. The photographer will be picking up orders on Monday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> November so please ensure you have returned yours to the office by then. Any late orders will have to be ordered via Braiswick Photographic directly.

## Promoting good attendance.

Please remember that taking unnecessary time out of school will not be authorised and holidays are not allowed in term time. Please ask to fill in the exceptional leave form if there are reasons why your child cannot

school before 9.30am and let us know what the reason is for your child's absence. Thank you to the parents whose children are always on time and ready for school every day.

## Winter Wonderland – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3.30 to 5pm

Friends of St Marks are busy organising the 'Winter Wonderland' Fair and donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

1. Any good quality soft toys
2. Jam jar (or bigger) full of sweets and/or small toys
3. Any kind of bottle from alcohol to oil to shampoo.
4. Homemade cakes (on the day), labelled with a list of ingredients.

We really need parents and carers who can help with preparations or setting up on the day. If you are available to assist, please let Yuki or the school office know.

## Diary Dates

Y4 Class Assembly	Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 10am
Winter Wonderland Fair	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 3.30 to 5pm
Christmas Lunch	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Whole school)
Christingle Service (at school)	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm
Nativity at St Mark's Church	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm
END OF TERM	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm

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*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*