

# St Mark's News

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

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New year and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling ready and positive about the term ahead. The children appear to have returned refreshed after their break and it has been great to see the hard work that has been happening already across the school. We welcome Mr Munip to our school as the new Y2 teacher, both he and the children are working hard to get to know each other with much success. We will be continuing our open door mornings every Friday between 8.50 and 9.00 so you can come in to school and visit your child's class, please try and come along. Let's see what wonderful things this new year will bring to everyone at St Mark's!

Best wishes for the New Year.

Ms Braithwaite

### **Reception Admissions 2023**

This is a reminder that if your child is due to start Reception class September 2023 you need to complete your online application by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. A place in our nursery does not automatically entitle you to start Reception class. Please use this link for more information.

https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-andfamilies/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-aprimary-school-place/how-to-apply#guide-sections

## **Curriculum Deanery Partnership**

Over the next two terms, every class will have a day with their respective year group within the Islington Deanery. Year 4 kicked off the curriculum deanery partnership day on Wednesday when they visited St Andrew's in Barnsbury for a payer day. St Mark's will be hosting the Y1 children for a Music day, which is due to be filmed. Class teachers will inform you of the dates for these events. As always, please check the website regularly for pictures, videos and updates.

# An important 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.

## Junior Leadership Team

Our Y5 Junior leadership team have now all been appointed and inducted and have started work on their first job. They are planning a variety of events to support Children's Mental Health Week in February. On Wednesday they launched a poster competition which I hope all children will take part in. They also have a nonschool uniform day planned for Children's Mental Health Week and many other events. Our Junior leadership team is a vital part of our teaching of leadership roles and preparing children for life beyond St Mark's.

### Vaping

It has come to our attention that some parents are vaping on the school site. This is completely unacceptable and must stop. We are a smoke free school which includes all tobacco products and vapes.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

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Y5 Class Assembly	Tuesday 24th January	
Y6 Class Assembly	Tuesday 31st January	
Y4 Class Assembly	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half term	Mon 13 -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February	
Y1 Class Assembly	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	
Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Y2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Parent consultations	Week of 21st March	
End of term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March-2pm	