



St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term and today marks the point at which, we are exactly, half way through the academic year. The days are becoming a little longer, brighter and sunnier and there is a real sense that Spring may not be too far away. I hope with Valentine's day approaching this is all warming your souls.

Unfortunately, I am still unable to confirm whether we will be open on the next teacher strike day 2nd March, but I will let you know as soon as I am able.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term break. See you on Monday 20th February.

Ms Braithwaite

Thank you!!

Thank you so much to all parents and carers who were able to support our Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal for donations. We were touched by your kindness and generosity. The items were all collected and boxed up and are currently in an aid lorry heading to Turkey.

World Book Day

We are excited to share the news that, once more, we will be celebrating World Book Day this year. We will be celebrating books all week but because of possible industrial strike action, we have shifted our dress up day to Friday 3rd March: We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Parent Consultations

During the week of 20th March we will be holding our Spring term parent consultations. Please put the date in your diaries as it is important that all parents attend. A PING message with more info and booking times will be sent out after half term.

Free Porridge for children during half term with Asda!

The new free offer means that families are now able to access both a free children's breakfast and a main meal for just £1 in all Asda cafes. This is to continue to help customers manage the cost-of-living crisis.

Children will be able to get a free bowl of Quaker porridge from 8am to 12pm, every day, in 205 Asda cafes across February half term, on top of the existing £1 kids main meal deal.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to the parents who made sure that their children attended school every day and on time throughout the first half term of 2023. There is a strong link between achieving at school and regular attendance. A big well done to Coral class for having the best overall class attendance with 96.4%. After half term we will be looking carefully at all the children who have fallen below 90% attendance. Please continue to make sure you let the school office know every morning if your child can not attend school due to illness and speak to staff straight away if there are any reasons as to why your child can not attend school.

£1800 Pounds raised

Well-done to my two running partners, Mr McEleney and Miss Godden for completing the Winter 10K run last Sunday, through the streets of London with me. After your very generous donations and our individual sponsorship, together we managed to raise a total of £1800 pounds for Cancer Research.

I never thought I'd enjoy running but got started using the couch to 5K app a few years ago. The app is free and really good at improving fitness in small steps-why not give it a try!!



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Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision