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St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had!! We celebrated 160 years as a school, visited the beach and achieved some amazing SATs results. It all comes down to the staff being such a committed team and I thank them all for their dedication. I know next week will be a particularly emotional time saying goodbye to Y6 and staff members. Ms Braithwaite

St Mark's 160th Birthday & Cultural Diversity Fair

We hope you enjoyed the Summer Cultural & Diversity Fair and birthday celebrations on Thursday. Those who dressed in their cultural attire looked wonderful and showed their costumes proudly on the catwalk. The food was delicious and plentiful, and the cakes entered into the Bake-Off competition were all worthy of the winning prize! Thank you to our lovely Friends of St Mark's for organising the event. All funds raised go towards resources for the children.

Broadstairs Trip

What a fantastic day! The children, staff and parents/carers who came on the trip had a great time and the seagulls were very grateful for the sandwiches they managed to steal! We are very proud of our children who demonstrated good and sensible behaviour that St Mark's is praised for and we thank parents/carers for their continued support.

Y6 SATS Results

We are delighted to share another set of amazing Y6 SATs results.

| Subject | School | LA | National |
|-----------------|--------|-----|----------|
| Reading | 82% | 75% | 73% |
| Maths | 86% | 76% | 73% |
| SPAG | 77% | 75% | 72% |
| Writing | 82% | 75% | 71% |
| RWM Combined | 82% | 64% | 59% |

Well done to the Y6 pupils and every single staff member as our work here at St Mark's is as a team.

Teacher & TA Arrangements for 2023-4 Academic Year

As you are aware, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Jones next Friday. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Mohamed who returned recently from maternity leave but is leaving to take up a part time role. Both Mr Jones and Mrs Mohamed have been instrumental to the amazing achievements of St Mark's and will be greatly missed. We wish them every success in their new positions.

Our teachers and support staff for next year are as follows:

| Reception | Ms Kirton | Ms Jammeh |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Y1 | Mr Gurry | Ms Johnston |
| Y2 | Ms Godden | Ms Florea |
| Y3 | Ms Garde | Ms Johnston |
| Y4 | Ms Rizolo | Ms Pala |
| Y5 | Ms Kamara | Mrs West |
| Y6 | Mr Peacock | Ms Riches |

Children will be meeting their new teachers on Monday afternoon.

Term Time Holidays

There have been a shockingly high number of holidays taken in term time this year with many children missing the end of the academic year. This is a reminder that all holidays are recorded as unauthorised with Islington and remain on your child's record. If you are yet to book your summer holiday, please make sure you are back for the start of the new term.

Dates for your diary

| Year 6 Show | Tuesday 18 th July (5pm) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Year 6 Leavers Service | Thursday 20 th July (2pm) |
| End of Summer Term | Friday 21 st July (2pm) |
| Return date | Wednesday 6 th September |

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