



St Mark's News

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching the halfway point in the academic year. Much has been achieved and we are looking forward to continued success. Year 6 will shortly be starting their early morning booster classes in preparation for their SATs in May. Over the next month you will see changes to our school website as it is having an overhaul and refresh. Please remember to regularly check our website for updates, photos and key dates. Staff are always uploading great examples of your children's learning and I hope our new format will help you to find things more easily.

Warm wishes for the chilly weekend,
Ms Braithwaite

Invitation to lunch – Parents of Y4 Pupils.

We are pleased to invite parents of children in Y4 to lunch on Thursday 22nd February. Look out for an invitation which will be sent via School Ping and please let us know if you would like to attend.

Islington Bikeability Course during half term holiday

12 Feb - 15 Feb 24 - A full programme of free cycling courses for children in the February half term. Choose from:

- Beginners (age 5-12) for children who can't yet ride without stabilisers
- Bikeability Level 1 (age 5-9) teaches bike control skills off road
- Bikeability Level 2 (age 9-12) get the skills to ride safely on road

The courses are taking place at venues in N19, EC1, and N1. courses at the EC1 site have some bikes available to borrow.

Cycle skills for families to learn how to ride together as a family can be booked via the website: <https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/child-holiday-bikeability/>

Attendance Buddy

Good attendance and punctuality plays a very important part of life's journey. Encouraging children to learn the importance of being on time every day helps them to take responsibility and ensures they don't miss any learning time. We have a few families who struggle to get their children in on time. Could you help them by being an 'attendance buddy'? Perhaps you pass by their house on route to school and could let them join you to walk in. If you think you can help please speak to Ms Braithwaite.

After School Club

We have added new activities to the after school club programme and will be publishing this on the website. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer the drop-in service after half term so parents are asked to sign up for the sessions at the beginning of every half term. Sign up leaflets are available at the school office from Monday 19th February.

School Vacancies Reminder

We have some spaces in a couple of classes at St Mark's. If you know of any families who would like their children to join our school, please encourage them to complete an in-year admissions form on the Islington website or to call the school office for information.

Chinese New Year

We wish a very Happy New Year to our Chinese community. 2024 is Year of the Dragon which symbolizes Bravery, Strength and Luck.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6 th February	Y4 Class Assembly at 10am
Friday 9 th February	End of Spring Term 1
12 th to 16 th February	Spring Half Term Break
Monday 19 th February	Spring Term 2 begins
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term – school closes at 2pm

Psalm 119 Vs 105: Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.