



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy term and I know that both staff and children are ready for a break. I have looked back on some of the exciting events, pictured on the website which have taken place for your children this term. Without doubt, the staff provide an amazing curriculum and many opportunities, guided by our vision. This Easter, Let His Word guide your next steps. Let His Word guide your long-term vision. Choose to let His Word become the framework of your life. Let His Word Light your path.

I wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Ms Braithwaite

## End of term awards

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us this morning for our end of term assembly. Congratulations to all the children whose hard work has led to them receive an award this term.

## Staffing

I write with the sad news that Mr Symister (Lance) has resigned from his position, here at St Marks. Lance worked at the school for many years and will be missed by many. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him the very best for the future.

## Penalty Notices-Reminder

From September all term time holidays will result in a penalty fine. Parent fines for unauthorised absences have been brought in under a national framework to help tackle inconsistencies in their use. A fine to parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence. Alongside this, costs for fines will go up from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days.

## Easter Service

We had a wonderful Easter Service on Tuesday when our Y4 children re-enacted the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The children performed this very special event in the Christian calendar brilliantly and the singing from all the children was amazing. Our thanks to Miss Rizzolo, Mr Allinson and Mrs Bearfoot for supporting the children in putting this together.

## Easter Bonnet Competition

During the Easter break we would like children to design and make an Easter bonnet. Please bring it in to school when we return on the 15<sup>th</sup> April where they will be paraded and best bonnet winners chosen.

## Uniform

We are a uniform wearing school but too many children are coming in to school in items which do not comply. Spring is on the way so please make sure that summer dresses are the correct blue and that shoes remain all black. Trousers, pinafores and skirts must all be grey. **Track suit bottoms and leggings are not school uniform.**

## Ramadan

We wish all our families and friends celebrating Ramadan a very happy, safe and blessed time. Eid Mubarak (when it arrives).



**We return to school on Monday 15th  
April@8.50am**

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