

Friday 20th September 2019



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St Mark's vision is to be a school where children thrive and love to be, where the best staff develop their careers and is the pride of our community.



ST. MARK'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY, ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing start to the term with children showing real focus and concentration in lessons from day one. We will be focussing on our learning behaviours this term, please ask your children to explain them to you.

It was great to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening, at which we shared with you the priorities for the school for the year ahead, these can be seen on the next page.

Over the last week, you will have also received information about the learning that will take place in your child's class over the next term. This information includes key questions, the national curriculum objectives that will be covered and the skills and knowledge that your child will gain.

The teachers have been working really hard to make the school environment look fantastic, children's work is displayed, working walls are in place which all help scaffold children's learning.



We will be holding a Harvest Assembly on the 30th September and will be joined by a representative from the Ealing Foodbank, this is an invaluable resource for the local community and we will be asking you to donate goods nearer the time.

School closes early at 1.30pm on the 17th October for parents' evening. Please collect children from the playground as usual. Parents' evening begins at 2pm. Thank you to those parents who have already booked their parents' evening appointment. If you would like to book an appointment please visit <https://stmarksprimary.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Wishing you all a nice weekend  
Sophie Liardet  
Headteacher



Persevering Panda



Focusing Frog



Collaborating Cats



Questioning Queen Bee



Remembering Rabbit

### St Mark's School Uniform

Please can I remind parents that all children are expected to wear correct school uniform including school shoes. If your child has long hair please ensure that it is tied back. PE kits need to be in school everyday and will be returned at the end of each half term.

## Priorities for 2019-2020



### Curriculum Development

- Rich, well resourced learning environments
- Subject leadership
- Develop teachers' subject knowledge
- Develop accurate assessment across all curriculum subjects



### Reading

- Systematic teaching of early reading
- Develop fluency and confidence and enjoyment
- Promote reading for enjoyment
- Effective teaching of reading in order for children to access the full curriculum



### High Quality Teaching

- Develop clear, sequenced learning journeys
- Children are taught to explain their learning
- Children are taught to recall and make links to prior learning
- Learning behaviours are explicitly taught



### Inclusion

- Develop personalised learning journeys
- Improve attendance of those with SEND
- Ensure the effective deployment of support staff
- Ensure all pupils with SEND are making progress



### Improve Outcomes for all pupils

- Accelerate progress of pupils who are underachieving from previous keystage data
- Accelerate progress of those with lower starting points
- Ensure that disadvantaged pupils are achieving in line with their peers
- Ensure that those who are more able are challenged



### Personal Development

- Provide opportunities for pupils to discover and develop their interests
- Develop cultural capital through school experiences, visits, music, sport and art
- Contribute positively to the wellbeing of our children and staff

## Sports News

We are extremely proud to have achieved the Gold Sports Mark, we were awarded this accolade due to our high level of participation over different year groups and in different sports, including the lunchtime and after school clubs. The Gold Mark award also reflects how inclusive we are, ensuring that a large number of children take part in sport both in and out of school. A very big thank you to Mr Briley for his dedication to the sports programme at St Mark's.



We are very excited that all of our clubs started again last week, some at lunchtime and some after school. Our new Tag Rugby club is now on every Friday after school and is open to boys and girls from year 3/4/5/6. We are very lucky that it is run by a coach from Ealing Trailfinders. There are still places available, so please enquire at the office or ask Mr Briley for further details, come along as it is a lot of fun!

Our year 6 boys football team played their first match of the season and got off to a fantastic start by beating Oaklands 5-0. Well played boys!

## St. Mark's House Captains

We have appointed some new House Captains for this school year. Well done to all the children who wrote some persuasive letters of application and congratulations to those who have been appointed.

Saturn	Neptune	Jupiter	Mercury
Lorcan Lauren	Tyler Sheza	Zoe Alex	Korinna Toby



The children from Year 1 to Year 6 can earn house points during the week for a range of reasons including: excellent effort, achievement, attitude and for showing St. Mark's learning behaviours. Each week, the points are totalled and the children in the winning house receive a longer playtime on Friday morning.

## Music information

Violin lessons started today Friday 20th September. Woodwind lessons and School Band started on 12th September. Instrumental lessons are provided by Ealing Music Service. If you are interested in lessons please contact the school office and you will be placed on a waiting list. They cost is £78 per term.

This year school choir (for children in years 4, 5 and 6) will take place on Tuesday mornings from 8.15am. If your child would like to join they should come and sign up in the music room. I will then send information home. There will be thirty spaces available for school choir.

Mrs Keating Music Teacher

## Diary dates

### September

24<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Roman Workshop in school

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Individual class photos

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 trip to British Museum

9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 WW2 workshop in school

10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 trip to Hampton Court Palace

14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Heathrow Challenge in school

17<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop in school AM

17<sup>th</sup> Early school closure - please collect children at 1.30pm.

Doors open for Parents' evening at 2pm.

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Half term