



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all well.

During this special time, please let me wish all of our Muslim staff and families a very, very happy Eid. Eid Mubarak to you all.

The Prime Minister's Roadmap is on track and planned easements begin on Monday. Infection rates are at their lowest level since September and hospital admissions are also down which is very good news along with the vaccine rollout.

From Monday, restaurants, bars and hotels can reopen, and gathering limits will increase indoors and outdoors. School advice is still to remain in bubbles with staggered start and finish times to the day. I hope that everyone keeps the risk of increasing numbers down by being careful, leading to a greater easing of restrictions on June 21st.

Ms Braithwaite

Hello from Mr Allinson

I'm Mr Allinson, the new music teacher. I've been a music teacher in Islington for 12 years now and I'm super excited to have joined St Mark's.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children over the coming weeks as we have some really exciting musical opportunities coming up both this year before Summer and during the next school year.

I will be keeping everyone up to date about what we are doing as much as I can so please keep an eye on the new music page of the website.

I am keen to hear if we have any musicians in the parent base so if you play an instrument do let me know. Also, if you have any questions about music at St Mark's that you'd like me to answer, I am based here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Finally, I have a small appeal to make. We'd like to make a small mural on the wall just inside our musical classroom and we are asking for some paint donations. The paint needs to be emulsion (water based). We'd like lots of colours for the mural so paint tester pots or small leftovers after some home DIY would be perfect. Please leave any donations at the school office reception.

Class Photos

The school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 26th May to take class photos. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Foster Carers

Islington need more foster carers for their children and young people and need our help to spread the word. Word of mouth in the community is our most powerful recruiter so they are asking for your help to find more carers by sharing this message. Right now, anyone who recommends someone who goes on to become an approved foster carer could get a £1,500 reward. To find out more info please join the online meeting next week [Tuesday 18 May at 6pm](#). More info is also available on the Islington website.

Friends of St Marks are asking for donations for the summer Fair. They need good quality tombola items e.g. chocolates, toiletries, bottles of wine etc. Also, good quality second hand school uniform and used toys, books, bric-a-brac and anything you think would be nice as a prize! Please drop off your items to the school office from Monday May 24th.

Reminder

The five-day walking challenge organised by [Living Streets](#), a UK charity begins on Monday. It is an annual celebration of walk to school and the perfect activity to celebrate [National Walking Month](#) this May. Children will be recording their journeys in class and there will be prizes for the classes with the most journeys to school by foot.

Please ensure you have downloaded School PING and are reading your messages.

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision