

Dear Parents,

We hope that all of our families enjoyed the half term break. School staff had some input from the local authority inclusion team on autistic spectrum conditions, during Monday's INSET training day. Days such as these allow staff vital time to develop their skills and ensure that we can consistently meet the needs of all children, in the best possible way.

It has been great to see so many parents at the reading workshops this week for Nursery and years 4,5 and 6. We look forward to seeing more of you next week as workshops continue. Please see the dates included on this week's newsletter for more information.

We hosted some senior leaders from a school in Singapore on Thursday this week. They were very impressed with the way in which we challenged children in their learning, and were inspired by the children on the editorial team of the school newspaper. I had the privilege of visiting Bedok Green Primary whilst in Singapore in the Spring and we look forward to developing this very special international link going forward.

I am extremely happy to report that the school hall was reopened as scheduled, on Monday. The new floor looks very impressive and the improved storage space will help us to ensure that the area is clutter free and user friendly. The walls will be decorated in the near future as a school capital project.

You may be aware that the Pope has asked us to consider the 'living word' of the Gospel over the next liturgical year. We have accepted the challenge and have decided to focus on a passage from John's Gospel that can be simplified as '*Love one another*'. Christ's love for us is complete and so we should love one another. It is therefore perhaps fitting that we also launched our 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal, as part of the Samaritan's Purse charity. We are asking you to provide a filled shoe box for the poor around the world, to receive around Christmas. A reminder that completed shoe boxes need to be in school during the week of the 11th - 15th November, but the **15th November is the final day**. These can then be collected and distributed over the festive period. A letter was sent out to all families yesterday detailing the arrangements. We do hope that you will be able to take part in this very special act of giving.

In the world of sport - We would like to wish the National England Rugby team well in tomorrow's Rugby World Cup final against South Africa. The game is televised on ITV kick off is 9:00am.

Today is 'All Saints Day' and we remember all of those who have been called to heaven. The saints can help us to make sense of the world, as their lives continue to inspire us.

Wishing all families a wonderful weekend.



Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Tues 5 Nov	ParentGym Session - Care	9.00am - 11.00am	Wraparound Room
Wed 6 Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings for Parents of pupils in: Year 1 -5 Nursery	Between 1.30pm - 7.00pm 3.30pm - 7.00pm	Classroom Classroom
Thurs 7 Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings for Parents of pupils in: Year 6 Reception Nursery	Between: 8.00am - 7.30pm 1.00pm - 7.00pm 3.30pm - 7.00pm	Head's Office Classroom Classrooms
Fri 8 Nov	Year 2 & 5 Trip to the Cinema to see 'Mary Poppins	9.30am - 12.45pm	Vue Valley Park
Mon 11 Nov	Reading Workshop for Y1 Parents ParentGym Session - Discover Y6 Trip to the cinema to see 'Johnny English Strikes Again'	9.00am - 10.00am 9.00am - 11.00am 9.30am - 12.30pm	School Hall Wraparound Room Empire -Sutton
Tues 12 Nov	Reading Workshop for Y2 Parents	9.00am - 10.00am	School Hall
Wed 13 Nov	Reading Workshop for Y3 Parents Y4 Trip to the cinema to see 'A dog's Way Home'	9.00am - 10.00am 9.30am - 12.30pm	School Hall Vue - Valley Park
Thus 14 Nov	Y1 Trip to the cinema to see 'The Big Bad Wolf and other Tales'	9.30am - 12.30am	Empire - Sutton
Fri 15 Nov	Y3 Trip to the cinema to see 'A dog's Way Home'	9.30am - 12.30am	Vue - Valley Park
Mon 18 Nov	Reception - Y6 - Nasal Flu Spray immunisation ParentGym Session - Together	All day 9.00am-11.00am	In school Wraparound Room
Tues 19 Nov	School Photograph Day - Individual children and siblings in school. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform and looks neat and tidy!	9am - 1.00pm	School Gym

St Teresa's Wraparound Care Late Pick-up charges
effective from Tuesday 29 October 2019

The following child care costs will apply when pupils are picked up late from Tuesday 29 October 2019:

End of school to 3:29 p.m. - no charge

3:30 p.m. to 3:44 p.m. - £1.50

3:45 p.m. to 5:44 p.m. - £8.00 (your child will be admitted to after school club)

After the end of Wraparound club

5:45 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. - £1.50

6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. - £30.00 (to pay the salaries of two members of staff for one hour)

7:00 p.m. onwards - We may have to contact the local authority or local police.

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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was going through Jericho where a man called Zacchaeus lived. He was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. Zacchaeus was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." And Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Jesus joyfully. The people complained when they saw what was happening. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house; for the Son of Man has come to seek out what was lost."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 3rd November 2019, Luke 19: 1-10 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **GENEROUS**.



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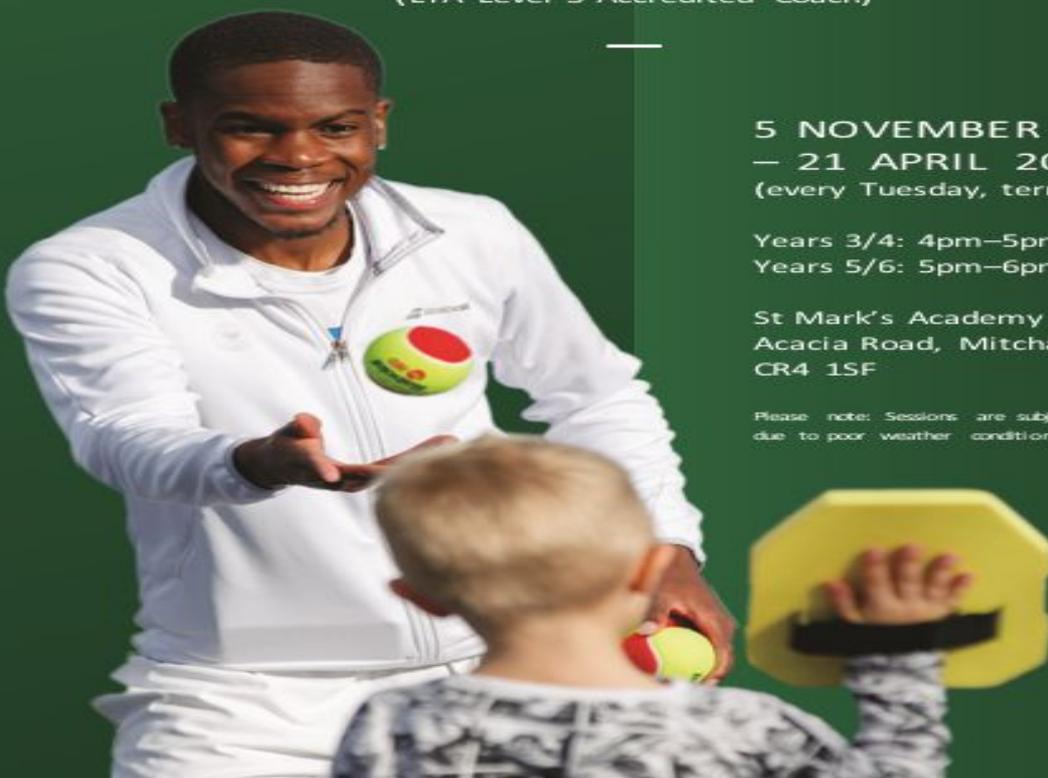
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5 NOVEMBER 2019
— 21 APRIL 2020
(every Tuesday, term time only)

Years 3/4: 4pm–5pm
Years 5/6: 5pm–6pm

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Please note: Sessions are subject to cancellation due to poor weather conditions.



"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux