



St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Monday 20th November, 2017

A Message From Mr Applegate

A huge thank you to everyone who donated in any way to either Children In Need or our Christmas Fayre tombola! For Pudsey and Children In Need, we raised over £700 with some more still coming in!

We also sold over £1800 at the book fair last week, and as it works on commission, the school will get a small percentage to help replenish our libraries. It's clear that our pupils enjoy reading- a vital skill for life, and an enjoyable one, too.

Train to Teach with Aspire



Find out more information on Thurs 28th Nov, 6-8pm, at Kempshott Infant School or Tues 12th Dec, 8-9:30am at Overton Primary School. See our website for more info!

Absence – Please be honest!

Thank you to everyone who is honest when their child is absent from school for any reason.

It can be tempting for parents to tell a 'little white lie' about why their child was absent (e.g. child was unwell despite being away on holiday).

The problem is that children talk about their holiday, parents, pupils and staff know things from social media, and the school almost always finds out. Sometimes children have tans, too. It's also not great for the children who may be told to keep quiet about a holiday.

If we have sufficient evidence to believe that a child has actually been away, then this may go down as unauthorised and will count towards absences for a penalty notice (fine).

Finally, there is an amazingly clear statistical link between good attainment and good attendance at school. Attendance really does help!

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate
Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Cooper
Assistant Head: Mrs Nicola Ford
Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey



Respond To School At Home



This half term, we are thinking about trust.

In worship this week, we are talking about trusting that God can use us, and why trust is important to Christians. This links with our value of 'Faith' too.

Why not talk to your children about who they can trust, and why? Can we only trust what we see?

Year 5 Parents – Windmill Hill 2018

If you were unable to attend the meeting last week, please see our website for the details (Y5 section).



Hit The Button - A website for practising maths

topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th Dec

Feel free to decorate the St Mark's jumper with Christmas items, or wear a Christmas jumper.

Summer 2017 Reading Challenge

In 2016, 48 children started the challenge, but only 38 finished.

In 2017, 142 started and 84 finished!

That's a huge improvement.

Well done everyone!





Christmas at St Mark's C of E Primary School 2017

★ **Christmas Fayre** ★
Saturday 2nd December 11am-2pm

★ **Christmas Lunch** ★
Wednesday 20th December

★ **Year R Nativity** ★
Performances on:
Tuesday 5th December at 10am
Wednesday 6th December at 10am

★ **Year 1 and 2 performances of
Behind the Stable Door** ★
Performances on:
Monday 11th December at 10am
Tuesday 12th December at 10am
Wednesday 13th December at 2pm

★ **Years 3, 4 and Choir
Carol Concert** ★
Performances on:
Monday 18th December at 7pm
Tuesday 19th December 2pm

★ **Years 5, 6 and
Choir Carol Concert** ★
Performances on:
Monday 18th December at 2pm
Tuesday 19th December 7pm



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To attend a performance this year you will need to have a free ticket. Ordering information regarding tickets will follow in due course. Due to health and safety regulations, and in fairness to all parents, there will be an initial limited ticket allocation of probably 2 tickets per family for a show. Tickets are not allocated to a particular seat.

We are liaising with the fire service about maximum numbers.

We expect more tickets to be available however. Please bear with us as we introduce this new system ☺ Thanks!



Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

Christmas Fayre
Dec 2nd

Flu Vaccinations YR – Y4
Dec 12th, 13th

Christmas break
Dec 22nd – Jan 3rd

Spring Term

First day
Thurs 4th Jan 2018

Half-term
Feb 12th – 16th

Easter break
Mar 30th – Apr 13th

Summer Term

First day
Monday 16th April

May Day Bank Holiday
May 7th

Half-term
May 28th – June 1st

INSET Days - 2018

Friday 19th January, Thurs 29th March, Monday 4th June

Last day of term
July 23rd

We finish at 3:20pm on Thursday 21st December for the Christmas break.

Join us this Christmas at Immanuel Church as we celebrate Jesus' birth

Saturday 25th November
10.00am Advent Activity Morning

Advent Sunday: 3rd December
10.00am Holy Communion for all
3.00pm Christingle

Sunday 10th December
10.00am Holy Communion for all

Sunday 17th December
10.00am Nativity for all
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
(with mulled wine & mince pies afterwards)

Sunday 24th December
10.00am Holy Communion for all
3.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December
10.00am Celebration Christmas Communion

Immanuel Church, Danebury Road, Hatch Warren, RG22 4US
www.immanuelhub.co.uk facebook.com/immanuelhub



Immanuel Church

Advent Activity Morning for all

Christmas crafts & fun for all*

Immanuel Church,
Danebury Road,
Hatch Warren, RG22 4US

*This is an event for all ages. Children will need to be accompanied.



Saturday 25th November.

10am - 12noon

Free of charge.

Refreshments provided.

www.immanuel.co.uk
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