



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017



## A Message From Mr Applegate

I'm really pleased to introduce our new learning behaviours as chosen by the pupils and staff. We want our pupils to know what makes a good learner! You may also hear about "Mr Dumtums", a way to help the presentation in books look even better.

Finally, see the details of our Christmas events on Page 2. We are moving to a free ticketed system for H&S and fairness reasons. There will be additional afternoon performances to help with allocations.

## Respond To School At Home

This week we are thinking about *remembering*.

Why not talk to your child about things or people that are important to them, what they are thankful for, and why it's important to remember others? This can be an emotive topic, but we feel it's important for our pupils to understand at their level theneed to remember others who have done something special. We have a Remembrance assembly on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## Year 5 Parents – Windmill Hill 2018

We'd like to invite all Year 5 parents to a meeting about the 2018 Year 6 Windmill Hill trip on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 6:30pm.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2017

We're taking part in the national campaign between 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November.



## A few reminders

Children must wear helmets if cycling or scootering to school.

We were made aware of a collision between a cyclist and an animal outside of school.

Everyone was ok, but let's be vigilant!

# Our new learning behaviours



The first 30 children to memorise and say them to Mr Applegate will get an Achievement Point!

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





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

★ **Christmas Fayre** ★  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am-2pm

★ **Christmas Lunch** ★  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

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

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

**Tombola - Non-Uniform**  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Fayre**  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Flu Vaccinations YR – Y4**  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas break**  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Spring Term

**First day**  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

**Half-term**  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

**Easter break**  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

## Summer Term

**First day**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day Bank Holiday**  
May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Half-term**  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Last day of term**  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### INSET Days - 2018

Friday 19th January  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

We apologise for the delay in getting these out.

### Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, the deadline for applying for a school place is Monday 15th January 2018.

If you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2018, you are welcome to come along to one of our school tours at St Mark's CofE Primary School. The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place.

Wednesday 8th November	10:00am
Monday 13th November	7:00pm
Tuesday 14th November	2:00pm
Thursday 16th November	10:00am

**Book Fair coming soon!**  
15th, 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>  
November.  
3:30 – 4:30pm

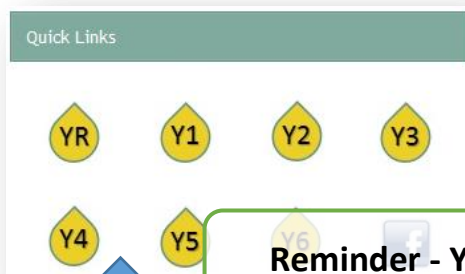
### Does your company 'Match Fund'?

Many companies will match fund what FOSM raise at an event or across the year. This instantly doubles our money! Does your company do this? We would love to know if so! Contact the office 😊

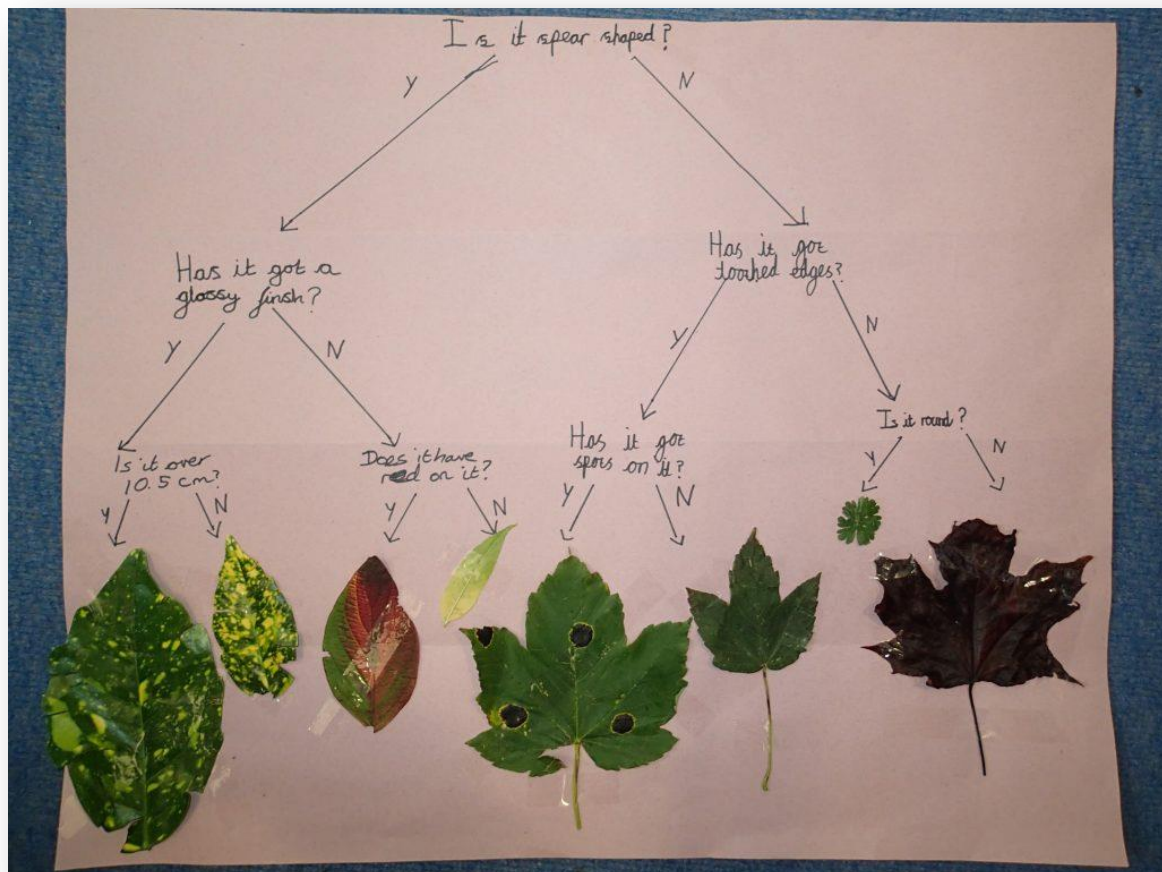
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### Reminder - Year Group Updates

You can find fortnightly updates about what each year group has been doing via our website.



## Work from Year 6



### Update on our guinea pigs

Sadly our guinea pigs are getting older, and we feel it is only fair to let them retire from the busy life of being school pets.

Cookie, Caramel and Squeak have been rehomed already. If you are interested in permanently looking after Fudge or Oreo, please speak to the office.



### Something to think about...

**“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid”**

*Albert Einstein*

### Reminders from last half term

Book bags, not back packs – we simply don't have space for back packs!

Please don't shave designs into your child's hair- this isn't part of our policy.