



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

## A Message From Mr Applegate

I am pleased to say that our Christmas fundraising activities have raised £5,675.60! It's a Christmas record at St Mark's. This includes £4,485.82 from the fayre alone. Thank you so much to all who gave money and time. It will be put to use to revamp our libraries in the Spring term, and to order new, quality books for everyone to enjoy. Thank you 😊

We look forward to celebrating Christmas in our final two weeks. The countdown has begun!

## Respond To School At Home

This week we think about the parable of The Lost Sheep, and The Good Shepherd. These parables talk about how God values us.

Why not talk to your child about how you value and love them? Or perhaps do something special to celebrate them – just because?!



## Let it snow (or not?!)

If it is snowing significantly, then please check our website for the latest information regarding school closure. We'll also send a text too. Please assume the school is open unless you hear from the school otherwise. We will try to remain open if possible.

It's a timely reminder for parents to have a back-up plan if we did have to close (which could be for a variety of reasons, not just snow).

## Young Art - Competition

Is your child a budding artist? Perhaps they will want to enter this competition, which raises money for Cancer Research?

[www.young-art.org.uk](http://www.young-art.org.uk)



## Star Learner Awards

Well done to these pupils who won our 'Star Learner' awards this week! This is a weekly award given in Friday celebration worship, and nominated by a member of staff.

### Reception

Renee, Ella, Naia

### Year 1

Riker, Alfie, Harry

### Year 2

Benjamin, Zachary, Jack

### Year 3

Edward, Oscar

### Year 4

Leah, Jake, Summer

### Year 5

Princeley, George, Dexter

### Year 6

Elisse, Katie, Matthew

## Christmas Performances - Update

Performances are going well so far. A huge well done to Year R who were amazing last week. 😊

There are a few tickets left for different performances. Phone the office to check for latest availability.

### A few reminders:

Please park responsible 😊

No ticket = No performance 😊

For all performances, young children and babies can be on an adult's lap in the performance. Older siblings will require a seat (and their own ticket).

Finally, at the end of each performance, we'll be taking donations for "The Raising Hope Foundation", a charity which works with orphaned and vulnerable children in the traditional town of Santrokofi, Ghana.

[www.raisinghopefoundation.co.uk](http://www.raisinghopefoundation.co.uk)



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 CofE Primary School 2017

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

**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:  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

★ **Years 5, 6 and** ★  
**Choir Carol Concert** ★

Performances on:  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
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. Please see our website for more information!*



# Dates for your diary....

## Autumn Term

### 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>

### INSET Days - 2018

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

### Last day of term

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

*We finish at 3:20pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

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

### Internet Safety- For Parents

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6:30pm

Come and hear from Paul Hay, internet safety expert. He will be running workshops for children in day, and an information session for parents in the evening.

### NSPCC Workshops

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

The NSPCC are running assemblies and workshops for children about 'Pants are Private'. Please speak to your child's teacher in advance if you feel your child may find these sessions difficult for any reason. See the 'letters' section on our website for more information.

# NSPCC



See the letter on our website about the real issues with using YouTube.