



St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Monday 4th December, 2017

A Message From Mr Applegate

This week I can only say thank you to all in our school community because of your help and generosity towards so many worth causes.

Thank you to our FOSM team and volunteers who once again put on an outstanding Christmas Fayre on Saturday. So well organised, such a great atmosphere, and a great range of activities and events. Brilliant.

Thank you to our parents and pupils who came along and supported the fayre in any way, including by giving donations previously to help stock the fayre. And of course giving money to enjoy the events and gifts on offer. We are still counting how much was made.

The money raised from the fayre will go towards improving our school libraries and developing the Early Years outdoor area.



Thank you also for your donations to The Children's Society through our Christingle boxes. The money is being counted still but Fr Michael thinks it is the best year yet.

Our Children In Need fundraiser totalled £797.14. An astonishing amount!

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr Ford who gave up hours of their own time in ensuring our Christmas performance tickets were allocated fairly and quickly.



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 week we think about St Nicholas- he fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned, and gave comfort to the lost. Why not talk to your child about people who selflessly help others, and why they do it?

Can you help us on Sunday 10th Dec?

Hatch Warren Nature group are helping us redo our Willow Tunnel and also improve our raised beds, as both are looking tired.

Can you spare a few hours to help them? 9:30am until lunch. We really need 4 more volunteers at least. Parents are to supervise their own children if they bring any. Bring gardening gloves. Bring secateurs if you have some. Wear old clothes and wear strong shoes or boots.

Please let us know if you can make it!



Christmas Performances - Update

We are pleased to let you know that we have now allocated tickets to all performances and were able to give everyone their first choice! Tickets were sent home on Friday. By the time this gets out, tickets for evening performances will have gone, but there may be tickets available for other times.

Phone or email the office to check for latest availability.

A few reminders:

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.





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



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:
Thursday 14th December at 2pm
Monday 18th December at 7pm
Tuesday 19th December 2pm



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



Performances on:
Friday 15th December at 2pm
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. Please see our website for more information!



Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

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

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th Dec

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

Internet Safety- For Parents

Monday 15th 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 23rd Jan, Thurs 1st 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.