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News Update – Monday 19th February, 2018

A Message From Mr Applegate

Welcome back. I trust you have had a great break.

FOSM Update – Due to your generosity, we are able to revamp our KS1 and KS2 libraries. This is taking place over the Easter holidays. We'll be asking the children to help finalise the design, too. FOSM is also supporting improvements in our IT and Year R provision. Thank you ☺

Our parent survey had 267 responses. 100% of parents would recommend St Mark's, and we had very positive results. We also act on any concerns raised, and share the results with you.

www.stmarksprimary.net/parent-feedback/

Respond To School At Home



This half-term, we're looking at taking responsibility. This week, we're focussing on taking responsibility for what we say. Words have the power to change situations- for the good and for the bad.

Why not talk to your child about how words can be used to build people up, but also bring them down? We need to make good choices.

"With our tongue we give thanks to our Father in heaven. And with our tongue we speak bad words against men who are made like God. Giving thanks and speaking bad words come from the same mouth!" James 3v9,10, Bible

World Book Day

On Thursday, 1st March, we celebrate World Book Day.

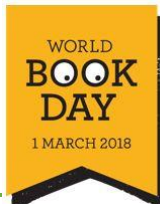
To make this day special and memorable, children are invited to dress as a character from one of their favourite books. This is optional, and can be completely free with a bit of creativity. Certificates will be awarded to all who take part and display their love of reading and the characters we uncover in a good book.

Throughout the week, we will be thinking about the importance of characterisation in stories. There will be an opportunity for children to enter a competition where they can create a brand new character who could feature in a sequel of their favourite story. Entry forms and further details will be available from school on Monday, 19th February. There will be prizes to win so we hope as many children as possible will be inspired to be creative!

We hope to celebrate the telling of stories, the listening to and the reading of stories, both in school and at home.

Children who read, succeed!

See our website for more information!



Something to think about...



Reception - Seth, Chloe, Ross

Year 1 - Liam, James, Eddie

Year 2 - Kai, Anabella, Bethany

Year 3 - Ava, Joby, Hanna

Year 4 - Archie, Stanley, Toby

Year 5 - Grace, Aimee, Sam

Year 6 - Florence, Jade, Willow

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





Dates for your diary....

Spring Term

INSET day
Thursday 29th March

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 day
Monday 4th June

Last day of term
July 23rd

Is your child in our KS1 or KS2 choir, or our orchestra?

They will be performing on **Sat 17th March** at QMC. Save the date!
More details to come soon.



Our learning behaviour this week is...



Book Sale Thank You

A few weeks ago we had a book sale. The left over books are going to be used to support children. Thank you to Nicola from Sony for making this possible.



South African Primary
Education Support Initiative

Dogs Trust Visit

On 27th and 28th Feb, Years 4 and 5 are having a visit from the DogsTrust, which helps to educate children on being safe with dogs.



Please don't park on the grass or on pathways. It's dangerous and unhelpful for pedestrians and drivers!



Thank you for your generosity 😊

We raised an amazing £2,318.16 for the NSPCC! Wow!



Do you have clothes you want to get rid of? Bring them to school on 26th Feb and raise money for our school. Thanks!

Friends of St Marks Cake Sale 2 March 2018



From 3.20 in the
Small Hall

We're taking part in World Thinking Day

Wear your Brownie/Guides/Scouts/Cubs/Beaver or Rainbow uniform to school on Feb 22nd.



Positive Parenting

Our parenting course has been hugely popular and is unfortunately oversubscribed. We'll be putting on another course soon.

Well done Year 4...

...for showing fantastic behaviour and manners during your swimming trips last term. We've had several positive comments from the staff, volunteers and members of the public. 😊