



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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**News Update – Monday 26th March, 2018**

## A Message From Mr Applegate

What an unusual term it has been! Relatively short, full of snow, and an Ofsted inspection. However, it's also been really successful, and I am pleased with all that has been achieved by our pupils.

In particular, Our KS2 orchestra and KS1 and KS2 choir performed brilliantly at a competition recently. Our KS1 children scored the highest out of all the choirs, irrespective of age group. Well done to the staff who worked so hard, too.

Our Year 5 children ran a 'Mad Hair Day' event last Friday to raise money for St Michael's Hospice. This was on top of our whole school Sports Relief day, where we had a brilliant time running around the field together. Thank you to Mrs Boyle and Miss Durling for taking the lead in this.

The Year 3 and 4 pupils put on a brilliant performance of the Easter Story. Many parents commented how the Crucifixion scene was very powerful, and how the Resurrection scene demonstrated the joy and amazement that those present must have felt. The performance summed up why we have our Christian values of 'Love, Forgiveness, Faith, and Hope'.

The FOSM team did a great job in running our Easter Egg hunt. They work hard behind the scenes to raise funds for our school, and also to bring our school community together.

Another highlight of the term was our snow day in school; we took an hour out to build snow castles on the field. All 630 children outside enjoying themselves with the staff- a brilliant sight! Well done to all of our pupils, and to 2R for designing the best snow castle.

A huge thank you for your support as parents and carers towards our school. It is great that we can work together to constantly improve our school for the sake of our pupils.

I am sure you will join me in thanking each one of our staff and governors at St Mark's. They work incredibly hard, and really do have the interests of your children at heart. They want to make a positive difference, whatever the need of the child. We have a strong team, and I believe that anything can be achieved when we are united in our purpose.

We do sadly say goodbye to three members of staff at Easter. Mrs Oram has been an LSA at St Mark's for many years. She has worked in various year groups and taught many of the children in the school at some point. Mrs Stanley, one of our lunch time team, has also been a member at St Mark's for an impressive number of years too. Finally, Mrs Shirlaw has worked in various roles throughout the school for over 14 years. What great examples of dedication. We thank them all for their service to our school, and wish them all the best in their next ventures.

After Easter, you'll notice some new attendance competitions which we are introducing. The more children are at school and on time, the greater the chance to win prizes for their class. Also, the termly report to parents is also coming out; due to the short term, it wasn't feasible to complete these before the holidays. We'll also be sending out Year Group posts from our website via email in order to keep you more informed of what your child is doing in class.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Easter.

Charles Applegate

**For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many, Mark 10:45. Happy Easter!**

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





## Sports Day

This will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, with KS2 in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. There will be a picnic lunch together, as usual.

The reserve Date is now Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## Change to Menu

There is a change to the lunch menu on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Green option is now Vegetable Meatballs with Pasta, not Vegetable Chilli.



Reception - Theo, Elizabeth, Zac  
Year 1 - Sammi, Matheus, Aarav  
Year 2 - Hannah, Millie, Evie  
Year 3 - Archie, Sofie, Harri  
Year 4 - Stanley, Ronald, Harrison  
Year 5 - Cian, Alanna, Grace  
Year 6 - Gabriela, Amelia, Jake

## School Uniform

As reminder, could you please ensure your child does not have any hair shaving designs.

For more information, please refer to our School Uniform Policy

<http://www.stmarksprimary.net/school-uniform/>

Mr Connolly, our school crossing patrol officer, is still unwell so won't be able to patrol the crossing at Danebury Road this week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A reminder- we finish at 3:20pm on the last day of each term.

As we are nearing the end of the financial year, all debts must be paid in full before the last day of term, including dinner money and breakfast club. Thank you!



## Dates for your diary....

### INSET day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### Easter break

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

### First day back

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 day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### Sports Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### Reserve Sports Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

### Last day of term

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Read our latest Ofsted Report online!



### INSET DAYS – 2018 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

### KS1 & KS2 Disco

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

### FOSM Tuck Shop

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### FOSM Summer Fun Day

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### Our learning behaviour this term is...

