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News Update – Monday 4th March, 2018

A Message From Mr Applegate

We hope you were able to make the most of the snow days. We have rearranged World Book Day for Thursday 8th March and the FOSM Cake Sale for Friday 9th March, to be sold after school.

Bags 2 School raised £213.60 for FOSM – thank you!

Have a great week ☺

Respond To School At Home



This half-term, we're looking at taking responsibility. This week, we're focussing on taking responsibility for our words and our emotions. In KS2, we will be looking at how it can be ok to be angry, if we are angry about something that is unjust. In KS1, we will continue to think about how our words can be used to be kind and also unkind. We must choose our words wisely!

KS2 - Snacks at break

We sometimes have extra fruit or veg available at break time. However, we can't guarantee this, so please do send in a healthy snack with your child. Remember, KS1 get a free piece of fruit each day.

Thank you for your support with our recent snow days. It's a hard to decision to make, but we hope that the early decision made it easier for you to make plans.



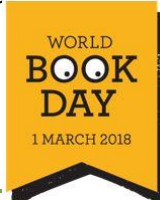
World Book Day

On Thursday, 8th 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...

Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out.

Feedback from our recent Parent Survey One thing I am pleased about...

- The recent increase in after school clubs.
- My child is proud to be at St Mark's.
- Home to school communication.
- Having an interim assessment.
- The value system taught to the children (kindness, charity, etc).
- How my child's teacher has helped him develop socially.
- Extra reports and the frequency of parents' evenings. Plus my child's views taken into account and acted upon.

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

UPDATED

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? 10am until 2pm, Sunday 18th March.**

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!



Do you have spare books you could donate? We're after quality books to help stock our library. We'd really appreciate any suitable donations. Thank you!



Have your child's medical conditions changes? Let the office know.

Reminder – we are a nut-free school!

Have your contact details changed? Please let the office know.

Our learning behaviour this week is...



Year 1 maths homework will be coming out fortnightly. We're keen that there is a progression of homework as children move through the school.



FOSM Easter Egg Hunt
24th March, 11am-12pm
Details coming soon!



Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Update

Congratulations to Amber from Year 4 and Grace in Year 5 who are our newly appointed JRSOs!

Last Tuesday, we went to Four Lanes Junior school with Mrs Brackenridge for our first Junior Road Safety Officer training session.

We designed our own bright t-shirts with safety slogans and have lots of exciting ideas to help keep everyone in our school safe on the road. We are looking forward to working with Florence, our Year 6 JRSO, to plan lots of fun school events to promote road safety.

