



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## A Message From Mr Applegate

### SATs

I am really proud of our Y2 and Y6 pupils for their hard work and fantastic attitude shown in recent days and weeks with their SATs. Well done to them all!

### Active Dance

This week, all children will be taking part in Active Kids Dance sessions in the morning at some point. A great opportunity for them to experience something different.

### School Trips

As we approach the end of the year, we have a range of trips coming up. Please look out for the letters in your child's book bag and return them as soon as possible. Regarding finance, please do speak to Mr Applegate or the office team if we can support you.

### Parents Helpers – DBS

A reminder that any parent helper must have a valid and current DBS. Some parents have been keen to help on trips, but because they hadn't completed a DBS request, they couldn't help out. The DBS process takes about 3 weeks to complete, so please do start it asap if you are able to help. It's free and easy, but just needs time!

## Ice Pops

As the warm weather continues, the Friends of St Marks will be selling Ice Pops after school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 20p each. It'll be an ideal way to cool down on the journey home 😊



Reception – Sebastian, Olivia, Elizabeth  
Year 1 – Eva, Sophie, Eliana  
Year 2 – Max, Isobelle, Callen  
Year 3 – Sophie, Mia, Maddie  
Year 4 – Sophie, Lily, Noah  
Year 5 – Alyx, Sophie, Miguel  
Year 6 – Chloe, Ella, Dan

## Respond To School At Home



We are thinking about how 'Resilience' links to 'thankfulness'. When we have a thankful heart and attitude, we go through difficult situations in a different way. Learning to be thankful comes first though. If we don't have a thankful heart, and practice being thankful, then when troubles come along, we usually default to what's wrong, as opposed to looking at situations in a more positive light.



## Book Fair!

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, children will be able to come to the school Book Fair and choose a book at either lunchtime or after school (3.20pm-4pm). Your child can bring money into school to buy a book independently at lunch time; we suggest bringing the money in a named purse or envelope which your child should hand to their teacher for safe keeping. See the letter coming out soon on how to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair!

## GDPR

In the coming days and weeks, you'll see various forms regarding GDPR requirements. This is the new EU regulation which bolsters existing data protection rules to allow you to be more in control of how your data is used. Please bear with us- it's an enormous operation. Thank you for returning any forms quickly, too.

## Music Lessons Availability

There are currently two spaces for Cello and Violin tuition starting in September. If your child is interested, please contact the School Office, who will pass your details onto Mrs Baird.

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





# Dates for your diary....

## Half Term

May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>

## Sports Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

## Year 6 Class Photographs

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## Inset Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

## Reserve Sports Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

## Last day of Term

23<sup>rd</sup> July (3.20pm)

Something to think about....



## Price Increases from September

It's been over 8 years since Breakfast Club prices have increased. From September, the current charge of £2.00 will increase to £2.50. For those joining at 8:20am, the charge will still be £1.00.

Further, after school clubs run by Planet Education will carry a small surcharge of £1 per session. Staff led clubs will still be free. We feel this provides excellent value. Many schools charge £4+ for either breakfast club or after school clubs.

Our theme for this half term is "Being Thankful". Our learning behaviour is:



## INSET DAYS – 2018 2019

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

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

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

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

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



**FOSM Tuck Shop**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**FOSM Summer Fun Day**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

## Head Lice

There have been a few instances of Head Lice in recent times.

The NHS provide a helpful guide for parents, which is available under our 'parents' section on our website.

## Is your child playing Fortnite?

The recommended lower age limit for playing Fortnite is 12. We strongly recommend that parents who allow their child to play this game to read a brief parents' guide available on our website, under our 'parents' section.

## Walk 2 School Week

...seems to be going really well! Our children are enjoying the challenge, and many parents have said that they have noticed an improvement with the local traffic and parking. Fantastic!

Walking to school is good exercise, reduces stress, and provides another opportunity to talk with your child about their day.

## Sports Day

We're looking forward to it! A reminder that Immanuel Church will be providing refreshments at a small cost, so bring some money if you'd like to.