

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

## A Message From Mr Applegate

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Friday! A few reminders:

**KS2 sports day will start at 9.15am.**

**Whole school (including parents) picnic lunch between 12.00pm – 12.35pm.**

**KS1 sports will start at 1.00pm - we will be finished by the end of the school day.**

a) Children will need sunscreen applied before school, and also have a water bottle and sun hat at the ready.

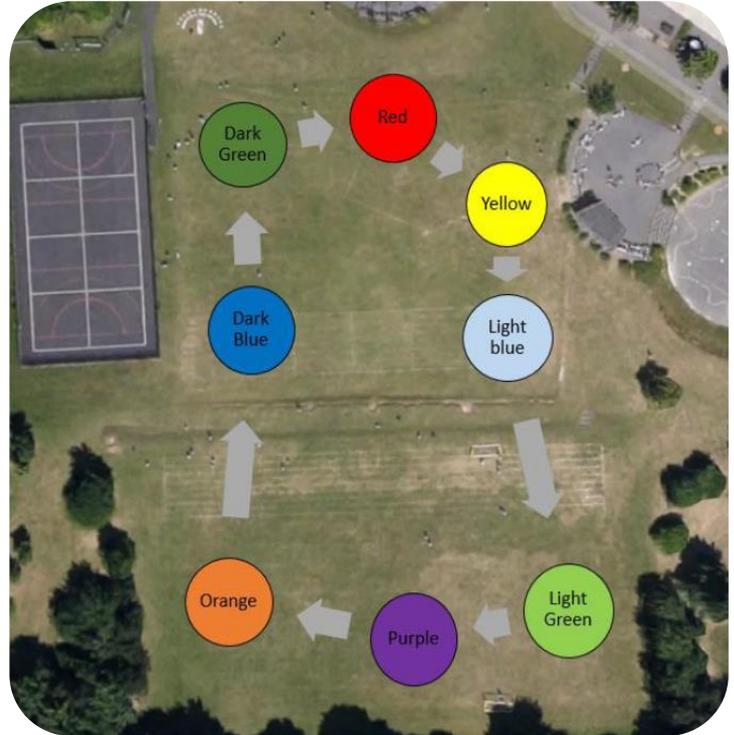
b) There is a picnic lunch at 12pm, joint with KS1 and KS2 (30 minute lunch!). Remember to send your child in with a lunch anyway just in case Sports Day is cancelled due to weather.

c) Sports Day starts with collaborative yet competitive colour team activities in a carousel fashion, and then moves into traditional races after a song to warm your hearts. **Please don't setup chairs or picnic blankets too early as you may be asked to move! Best to wait until after the carousel colour team activities have taken place.**

d) Children should come to school dressed in PE kit, wearing the coloured t-shirt for their team, without big logos if possible.

e) Parking will be difficult- so be prepared to walk! The car park will already be extremely full.

## Sports Day - Starting Locations



## Staffing News

See the last page in this newsletter for more information on staffing.

## Site Update

Thanks in part to generous FOSM funding, we've been able to purchase improved flooring for our KS2 playground equipment, as well as several new picnic benches and parasols in KS1 and KS2. Thank you to everyone for your support! Hopefully we continue to have sunny weather to make the most of them!

## Respond To School At Home



As we begin to look at Wisdom this term, why not talk with your child about what a proverb is, and what your favourite proverb is. See how many times the idea comes up in your family life this week!

## Star Learners

- Reception – Oscar, Millie, Zachary
- Year 1 – Jaiden, Marcus, Ruby
- Year 2 – Lottie, Ruby, Hollie
- Year 3 – Katie, Oliver, Mollie
- Year 4 – Maks, Grace, Sebastian
- Year 6 – Katrina, Amber-Louise, Katy

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





# Dates for your diary....

## Sports Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

## Reserve Sports Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

## Year 6 Class Photographs

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## Last day of Term

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

## Email Newsletters

We hope you are finding the fortnightly newsletters from each group helpful. Feel free to feedback to us about what else you think could be included. Remember, if you want to unsubscribe from these, please contact the school or use the link within the email itself.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

**FOSM Summer Fun Day**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Something to think about...

**If you want to become wise,  
treat every conversation as an  
opportunity to learn,  
not to win.**

**If you want to influence others,  
treat every conversation as  
an opportunity to understand,  
not to prove you are right.**

Our theme for this half term is "Being Thankful".

This week, we are focusing on our learning behaviour of pride. Our focus question is, "Why is it important to be wise?" An interesting question – do we actually want to be wise?!



## Skoolkit

We have received the following message from Skoolkit:

Due to the demand for uniform and the volume of orders we receive online during the summer holidays, we would ask that parents place their orders by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August in order to give us enough time to dispatch their uniform in time for the beginning of the new school year in September. Orders can be placed after this, however, they may not arrive in time for children going back to school and we want to avoid disappointment.

We are running three separate promotional codes for free delivery before this date and these are:

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – JUNDEL18

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July – JULYDEL18

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August – AUGDEL18

These codes are only valid during the times specified and will need to be entered when parents are viewing their baskets online.

## Tick Bites

As we go through the summer and the children play outside more, it may be worth keeping an eye out for tick bites (or even ticks still attached).

## Homework!

It's been great to see various homework projects coming in recently across several year groups. They are amazing! Thank you to everyone who has helped make them possible.

## Drinks!

A reminder that water bottles used throughout the day in class are for water only. Lunches can include squash but no fizzy drinks.

### Price Increases

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.

Also, HC3S who run the school dinners have asked us to inform parents that the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.30 from September 2018.

### FOSM Summer Fun Day

Saturday 23rd June 2018 12pm – 3pm

Come and join us in the fun, and raise money for our school at the same time! Bring your friends and family too. We are also in need of more helpers; let the office know if you can help before, during or after, for as long or short as you can. Finally, see the letter about bringing in tombola items on 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sports Day – Refreshments

Immanuel will, once again, be serving tea and fresh filter coffee during the day on Friday 15th June for those attending sports day (no set cost, but donations will be gratefully received).

### Baptism

Fr. Michael will be baptising a number of children from St Mark's School on Sunday 1st July at 3pm. Singing will be led by a group from the school choir. Everyone is welcome to come to this service of celebration and welcome. There will be a special celebratory tea afterwards with squash, tea, coffee and plenty of cake.

### Backpacks & Sandals

A reminder that small backpacks are now allowed to bring into school (as small as possible- space is limited!). Sandals may be worn in the summer months but should be either white or black in colour, have straps that securely hold feet in place and not be made of fabric. Socks must be worn for H&S reasons

### Staffing News

I am really pleased to be in such a strong position for September with our staffing. We have been able to recruit early where necessary, which supports the transition process as children move up a year. Essentially it means as a school we can be even more prepared for September as we spend time sharing information and evaluating priorities, enabling us to make a great start from day one. We'll share more information next week on how your child will find out about who their new teacher will be for September.

#### Saying Goodbye

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to Miss Pett. Whilst we are pleased that she has secured a promotion in another Hampshire school, we will certainly miss her at St Mark's. She has been a fantastic addition to our Year R team this year; extremely hard working and very caring. We wish her all the best in the future, and especially for the summer as she gets married. Thank you Miss Pett for all you have given at St Mark's.

*We would ask you not to mention this to Year R pupils just yet- we don't want them getting upset 😊*

We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Hiscock and Mrs Laws, both of whom have been on maternity leave for most of this academic year. They have secured great opportunities in other Hampshire schools, and we wish them all the best. Both teachers have been at St Mark's for a few years, and have helped us to get to where we are- Mrs Hiscock leading the Year 1 team and Mrs Laws being a valuable member of the Year R team. Thank you.

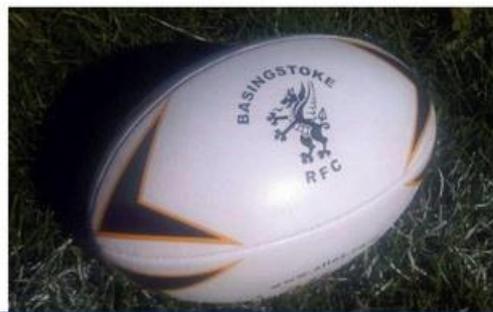
#### Saying Hello and Welcome Back

We are pleased to welcome Miss Cooke to our teaching team, who will be known as Mrs Tunnicliffe in September as she gets married over the summer. We also look forward to Miss Fowler, Miss Hall and Mrs Bridle joining our teaching team.

We also welcome back Mrs Poole, Mrs Walker, Mrs Spiers and Mrs Gregory from their maternity leave. You may see them in July as they help out with various activities. They then return to class teaching from September. All current class teachers will remain the same though until the end of July.



## **BRFC OPEN DAY - 70 YEARS !**



**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

## **BASINGSTOKE RFC COMMUNITY FAMILY OPEN DAY**

Celebrating our Volunteers and 70 Years of  
rugby at Basingstoke Community Rugby  
Club.



Sponsored by JE Group

**OPEN FROM 10:30  
UNTIL 16:30**

**ALL FAMILIES WELCOME**

**LOTS OF FUN ATTRACTIONS**

**MEET THE COACHES**

**BBQ SERVING FOOD ALL  
DAY AND BAR OPEN FROM  
11AM ONWARDS**

**ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC,  
BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES,  
RUGBY DISPLAYS, STALLS,  
BEER AND RUM TASTING,  
CLASSIC CARS, FIRE  
SERVICE, WORLD CUP  
FOOTBALL ON THE  
BIG SCREEN, AND LOTS  
MORE**

Basingstoke RFC

Down Grange

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*FREE Summer rugby training for all children starts on Sunday 22nd July ( Brighton Hill Playing Fields ); Sunday 5th Aug ( Basingstoke RFC ) and Sunday 19th Aug ( Basingstoke RFC ) from 10:00 till 12:00 - all welcome.*