



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 8th July 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

We trust our 'Move Up' day on Friday went well. We certainly saw a lot of happy children, and a great vibe around the school as children spent time in their new classes.

Reports will be coming out a week today. Don't forget to complete the parental response survey – either online or using the form enclosed in the report pack.

With the **hot and sunny weather**, please don't forget to apply sun cream or lotion as required, and send your child in with a hat.

Fingers crossed for **Sports Day this Friday!** See a reminder of the important information at the end of this newsletter. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch to school.

It was a busy week as Y5 visited Ufton Court, Christian Aid led our worship on Monday, and Rev May was licensed at Immanuel Church. To top it off, we had a SIAMs inspection on Thursday. This is essentially like an Ofsted but for the CofE side of the school. We hope the report comes out before the end of term.

Have a great week!
Mr Applegate ☺

IT Technician Required

VACANCY

Our much-loved IT Technician, Mrs Robinson, is taking early retirement to enjoy life at her leisure. This presents a fantastic opportunity for someone to join our team. We are looking for someone to work for 16 hours/week during term time only. Full training is provided through our IT support company Drift. You don't need to be a super computer techy person! Drift have a great training programme and will support you in the role. You just need to be keen to learn and dedicated, and have an interest in IT. The hours and days are flexible, although must be across 4 days at least. The role involves looking after the IT software and hardware in the school, as well as solving problems. We have Drift technical support on hand, as well as a weekly support visit. Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information. Apply by Tuesday!

Well done to....



Year R – Ethan, Angelina, Edward

Year 1 – Isabelle, Imogen, Callum

Year 2 – Dylan R, Imogen,
Benjamin

Year 3 – Charlotte C, Dylan,
Benjamin M

Year 4 – Evelyn-Rose, Charlotte F,
Penny, Elliot

Year 5 – Stanly, Mackenzie,
Rhys W, Archie B

Year 6 – James C, Francesca,
Ashton, Thomas W

Thank You from FOSM and St Mark's!!

☺ Drumroll please ☺ You raised **£3032** in profit at the summer funday! 🙌🙌 This is over £200 more than last year and a whopping £1300 more than in 2017!

A massive thank you to everyone who attended.

A huge thank you to the FOSM Treasurer, Helen Cockburn for counting the total, largely in 20p's!! And the rest of the dedicated FOSM committee for their hard work in planning and on the day. We'll report soon on the spending of any money raised.

Thank you!

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



GROUND FORCE AFTERNOON



St Mark's needs your help!

Thursday 11th July 2019

3.30-4.30pm

Jobs to include:

Painting Fences

Painting Picnic Benches

General gardening and tidy up

Childcare Provided!

There will be two Teaching Assistants
Supervising children.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Please let us know if you require childcare.

Thank you!

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Meet the Team! (FOSM) Committee Profile

Hi, I'm Nicky Fisher, Chair of the Friends of St Mark's, or FOSM as we are now known!



I joined the committee in 2015, when my daughter joined Year R, soon became Chair and 4 Years later I'm still here and loving being part of it.

Being new to Basingstoke, being part of FOSM has really helped me make lasting friends - we really are more than just a committee. We all give what we can, when we can and there is no pressure for more than that. I take the lead on the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fun Day and I'm the chief buyer of prizes, games and all the bits and pieces we need to run events. I fit this in around a full time job and being mum to my daughter in Year 3 and son in Year 1.

For every event we run, we try to ensure we put the children at the heart of it; it's not just about making money, it's about enriching the lives of the children whilst they're attending St Mark's.

I'm so proud of everything that every volunteer, committee member, parent, teacher, sponsor and local business has contributed over the last 4 years, all of whom have helped raise over £30,000 for the school, which we invested in books, materials, equipment, school trips and events and so many other things.

St. Mark's is a great school and we want to continue giving something back, we also want some new ideas too! We can't run these events without committee members or volunteers, so please contact secretary@friendsofstmarks.org if you are interested in joining the committee or helping out.

Class Attendance

Well done to class 5T who achieved 100% attendance last week and 2B with 99.67%

**JUST A REMINDER IN CASE
YOUR MIND IS PLAYING
TRICKS ON YOU TODAY:**

YOU MATTER.
YOU ARE IMPORTANT.
YOU'RE LOVED.

YOUR PRESENCE ON
THIS EARTH MAKES
A DIFFERENCE
WHETHER YOU
SEE IT OR NOT.

Change to Menu

Please note there will be a change to the menu on **Tuesday 23rd July**.
Red – Chicken Korma with rice
Green - Pizza

Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates

**Birthday Parties
Groups, Meetings**

www.stmarksprimary.net/hire



Dates for your diary....

Summer Term

9th July – Summer Concert
 11th July- Ground Force Afternoon 3.30-4.30pm
 12th July- Sports Day
 18th July – Parents Open Afternoon
 23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM

Dates for 2019-2020

16th & 17th Oct – Flu Immunisation (Yrs R-6)
 18th Oct – FOSM Disco

Please note *May Day 2020* has been changed due to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. It will now be *Friday 8th May* instead of *Monday 4th May*

Piano Lessons

Since Mrs Coxon is leaving St. Mark's at the end of this term, there will unfortunately be no piano lessons available in September. If your child is currently learning with her, or you already have your child's name on the waiting list, I will keep their names on record and let you know if our circumstances change and we are in a position to offer piano lessons again in the future.
 Mrs. Baird

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

We felt it would be helpful to gather this information in one place:

Aldworth School:

17th & 18th Sept: Open Evenings 5.30-8pm
 25th Sept: Open Morning 8.45-11am

Bishop Challoner School:

19th Sept: Open Evening 6-8pm

The Henry Beaufort School:

12th & 13th Sept: Open Mornings
 12th Sept: Open Evening

Cranbourne School:

10th July: Induction Evening 6pm
 11th Sept: Open Evening 6-8.30pm

Perins School

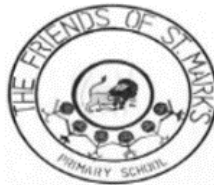
8th, 11th & 16th July: Year 5 Taster Days

INSET DAYS 2019 2020

Wednesday 4th Sept 2019
(School starts Thurs 5th Sept)
Friday 25th Oct 2019
Monday 6th Jan 2020
Friday 3rd Apr 2020
Monday 1st Jun 2020

Win a £10 Festival Place Gift Voucher!

FOSM and St Mark's would like to redesign the FOSM logo. Can you help? It can be hand drawn or using a computer. This is the current design, but can you give it a fresh look?! Please give entries to the office by July 12th. Happy designing!



Music Lessons Update

Apologies for the delay in informing you about music lessons for September. I was hoping to let you know by the end of last week but I have heard from Hampshire Music Service and unfortunately they are having issues recruiting teachers for us, and creating a timetable that works.

They have said that they are hopeful they can resolve the issue and let us know before the end of this term. I will give you an update either way by the last day of term. Mrs. Baird

Ice Pop Sale

FOSM will be holding another ice pop sale on **Tuesday 9th July** outside the school office. The price will be 20p per ice pop.

Year 6 Dates

15th July – 2pm Yr 5/6 Play Dress Rehearsal (Children only)
 16th July – 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance
 17th July – 2pm & 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance

19th July – Leaver's Evening Graduation Party

23rd July – School Leaver's Service at 9.45am (parents' invited)

VACANCY

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our lunchtime team.

Hours of work are 11.45am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. Duties will include helping children in the dinner hall, supervising and encouraging good behaviour. Minor first aid, training will be given. Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk

School Cleaner Required

VACANCY

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our cleaning team. Hours of work are 3.30pm – 6pm. Monday to Friday, £8.50 per hour. Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information.

Meet the Reverend May Barker

Hello, I'm the Reverend May Barker, I am the new Vicar at Immanuel Church at St Mark's Primary School and I would like to introduce myself. I am married to Nigel and I have a son who is at Exeter University. I have four dogs, a lizard and a snake. When I'm not walking the dogs, I enjoy making jewellery and exploring the countryside in my campervan.



Before becoming a Vicar I had a variety of jobs including being a live-in Nanny, a Teaching Assistant, a Healthcare Assistant in a hospital and a Sales Assistant in a pharmacy. I really enjoyed these jobs but felt that God was calling me to serve him in another way. So in 2008 I began training as a Licensed Lay Minister in my local church. A few years later I felt the call of God again and this time it was to train as a Vicar. I responded to this call and in 2014 I started a full-time course at Sarum theological college. I was ordained at Winchester Cathedral in 2016 and then completed three years training as a curate, trainee vicar, in sunny Southbourne, a place with a stunning sandy beach.

I'm really looking forward to working with the children, the staff and the parents in the school and also with the local community. I will be at the school regularly so please say hello if you see me.

After School Care Club – Until 6pm Available now!

www.stmarksprimary.net/scl

Don't forget our new After School Care Club with SCL is now up and running.

Please visit our website or www.wearescl.co.uk to book your child's place.



Woodbury Road Crossing

Noel, the Lollypop Man has asked us to pass on his apologies as he will not be available on the afternoon of **Wednesday 17th July**.



BIG WHEEL

Enjoy a summer's day cycling and take in the views of the stunning Hampshire countryside and villages.

START: 09:00 **21.07.19**



4 ROUTE CHOICES!

- Choose from our:
- Beginner 5 miles
 - Intermediate 22 miles
 - Challenger 40 miles
 - Advanced 64 miles



Down Grange Spc Complex, Basingstoke, RG22 5SN

New to 2019 we will have an inflatable corner for children of all ages big and small, which will include a variety of inflatables, kindly supplied by JV Bouncy Castle Hire.



REGISTER ONLINE:
stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events

@smhbasinstoke #BigWheel St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) Registered Charity No. 1002856

EMAIL: events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk
CONTACT: 01256 848848
WEBSITE: stmichaelshospice.org.uk



WE ARE LAUNCHING OUR FIRST EVER...



Can't make Big Wheel this year but would still like to take part? Our Virtual Big Wheel challenges offer great flexibility perfect for busy bees!



DATE: JUNE – AUGUST '19
LOCATION: YOU DECIDE!
TIME: YOU DECIDE!

CHALLENGE CHOICES!

- 1 VIRTUAL 100**
Create your own Virtual 100 mile challenge or choose to complete one of our suggestions.
- 2 CYCLE YOUR WAY**
Cycle your way! Pick your own date, location and distance!

You can use any bike (excluding motorised bikes), including a static bike at home or at the gym. You could even complete your challenge by accumulating the miles by cycling to work or school.

REGISTER ONLINE:

For more details about the Virtual Big Wheel Challenges, visit:
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Well done to Elliot (Y3) and Matthew (Y5) who are taking part in the 22mile route!

Sports Day Reminders!

On **Friday 12th July** we are holding our Sports day. If the weather looks uncertain we will try to make a decision as early as possible as to whether the sports day will go ahead but please bear with us as it is not always an easy decision to make at 8:30am!

The timings for the day are as follows:

- 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.

On the day the children should all come to school dressed in their sports kit, wearing the coloured t-shirt for their team, without big logos if possible. If it is overcast they may want to wear jogging bottoms (any colour) and their named school sweatshirt. They should also bring a named water bottle, a named sunhat and sun-cream.

Whatever the weather on the day, all children will need to bring a packed lunch **as hot meals will not be available**. If your child is currently entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (KS1 only) a packed lunch can be prepared by the school. We are inviting parents to join us for the morning/ afternoon or day but also to have a picnic lunch on the field with their child/children. Please ensure your child brings their lunch into class with them in the morning as they will still need it even if it rains. KS1 children will need collecting from their classrooms and KS2 children will come out and join you once they have their lunches.

If the weather is hot, please do put lotion on your children before they arrive at school. We are unable to put lotion on children. There will be no parking available at the Community Centre or in the school car park. There may well be traffic wardens out and about so please if possible leave your car at home and walk to school. If you do drive please park legally and with consideration to our neighbours. Thank you.

As our new style sports day format was praised by many parents last year we will be following the same format this year. Parents will be following their children's teams around 4 activities and then can be positioned for the other races as we have in the past. We look forward to singing to you in between! The children will have taken part in timed races prior to sports day.

A few rules: We ask that you do not put any belongings too close to the running track, otherwise we will need to ask you to move. Toddlers should be kept off any activities and the race track at the end. Parents are welcome to bring rugs or chairs to sit on as we are not able to provide seating. As always, wine or alcohol is strictly forbidden.

The picture above shows where your child/children's team will start. This is where parents will want to start on the day. Refreshments will also be available. We look forward to sharing a brilliant day of competition, fun together!

