



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 30th September

A message from Mr Applegate

Our Friends Of St Mark's (FOSM) team are invaluable to our school. The team work hard to fundraise and create a great community spirit. Like all schools, funding is very difficult, and FOSM raise much needed money for the school. Can I encourage you to come to our AGM to find out more- **Tues 1st Oct, 7.30pm**. Don't worry, you won't be assigned to run an event! But we are in need of more support. Thank you.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers regarding the sad passing of 'Lollipop' Noel Sanders. We mentioned earlier about doing something as a school to remember Noel. Mrs Sanders is thankful for everyone's wishes, and would appreciate if we considered this later on in the term.

It was great to have 300 parents and carers join our curriculum mornings, and 31 join our evening presentation. Significantly more than previous years. All the slides and presentations are on the website. Do pass on any feedback via email above. Have a great week ☺ Mr Applegate

What are we working on at St Mark's?

Our priorities this this year are:

1. To ensure our curriculum is irresistible to learn and teach! This includes being knowledge-rich, rigorous, and encouraging deeper thinking.
2. To improve children's communication and language skills, especially their vocabulary knowledge and composition and effect in writing, through an increased use of reading books.
3. To continue to enhance our children's ability to reason and be fluent in maths through our mastery approach.

Breakfast Club

Could all parents please ensure they walk their children into Breakfast Club to sign them in. Thank you

Windmill Hill – PGL

Year 5 Parents (for PGL 2020)

The year 6 team will be holding a "drop in" session on **Tuesday 1st October 3.30-6.45pm** to provide general information regarding Windmill Hill 2020
This will be held in the Year 6 classrooms

Class Attendance

Well done to classes 2R, 4EH & 6C who all achieved 99.66% attendance last week ☺

Medical Information

Could you please ensure you inform the school office of any changes to your child's health.

This is to ensure we have correct and up to date information on our records. Thank you

It was wonderful to see so many contributions to our Harvest Worship. This enabled us to pass a large selection of food, treats and toiletries to the Basingstoke Food Bank who were overwhelmed by your generosity.



Star learners!

Well Done to:

- Year 1- Jacob, Daniel, Oscar
- Year 2- Gabriella, Manuel, Marianna
- Year 3- Eleanor, Max, Aaliyah
- Year 4- Anabella, Nathan, Zach P
- Year 5- Ellisia, Ava P, Leah
- Year 6- Jayden, James Y, Molly H

Head Teacher: Charles Applegate
Deputy Head Teachers:
Nicola Ford & Rebekah Alsey





Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

OCTOBER

1st FOSM AGM All welcome

7.30pm**

1st Year 5 Windmill Hill Drop in
afternoon 3.30-6.45pm

4th - Y3 trip to Stonehenge

7th - School Photographs

14th Parents' Eve Bookings Close

16th & 17th - Flu Immun. Yrs R-6

17th - Parent's Evening 4-6pm

18th - FOSM Disco

21st - Parent's Evening 4-6:30pm

22nd - Year 6 Height & Weight
Measurement Programme

22nd - Year 6 Rumble in the
Jungle project outcome **2pm**

Parents invited

23rd - Parent's Evening 5-7pm

25th - INSET day

28th - 1st Nov Half Term

NOVEMBER

4th - 8th Y6 PGL Residential

6th - Year R Autumn Born

Children Height & Weight
Programme

15th - FOSM Non-Uniform Day

20th - Year 6 SATS information
evening 6.30-7.15pm

30th - Sat - FOSM Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

19th - Christmas Lunch

20th - School finishes, 3:20pm

**New time/date added

Spring and Summer Term

INSET DAYS

Friday 25th Oct 2019

Monday 6th Jan 2020

Friday 3rd Apr 2020

Monday 1st Jun 2020

February Parents' Evenings

Feb 11th - 4-6pm

Feb 13th - 4-6:30pm

Feb 26th - 5-7pm

Year 6 Bikeability

Week of 2nd March

Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Mar 26th - 2pm

Mar 30th - 2pm

Mar 31st - 6:30pm

Year 6 SATS Week

W/B 11th May - No absences!

Sports Day - Fri 22nd May

Reserve(!) - Friday 5th June

Y6 Photos - 17th June

Y6 Production- 14th July 7pm

15th July 2pm and 7pm

17th July - Y6 Leavers Disco

22nd July Y6 Leavers Service

CHRISTMAS!

BOOKING TICKETS

Oct 7th - Ticket Bookings Open

Nov 5th Ticket Bookings Close for Year R

Nov 8th - Ticket Bookings Close for Years
1&2

Nov 12th - Ticket Bookings Close for
Years 3-6

Nov 14th - Yr R, 1, 2 Tickets returned

Nov 20th - Yrs 3-6 Tickets returned

PERFORMANCES - DECEMBER

Year R Nativity

Tues 3rd - 10am

Weds 4th - 10am

Year 1&2 Performance

Mon 9th - 10am

Tues 10th - 10am

Weds 11th - 2pm

Years 3&4 Carol Service & Choir

Thurs 12th - 2pm

Mon 16th - 6:30pm

Tues 17th - 2pm

Years 5&6 Carol Service & Choir

Fri 13th - 2pm

Mon 16th - 2pm

Tues 17th - 6:30pm

Term Dates

Autumn 2019

October Half Term - W/B 28th Oct

Last day of term - Dec 20th, 3:20pm

Spring 2020

Term Starts - Tues 7th Jan

(INSET Mon 6th Jan)

Feb Half Term - W/B 17th Feb

Last day term - Thur 2nd Apr 3:20pm

(INSET Fri 3rd April)

Summer 2020

Term Starts - Tues 2nd June

(INSET Mon 1st June)

May Half Term - W/B 25th May

Last day of term - 22nd July, 3:20pm

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

Brighton Hill School:

30th Sept, 2nd Oct, 3rd Oct, 4th Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am

7th Oct: Open Evening 6-8pm

9th, 10th & 14th Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am.

Please call to book a place 01256 350606

Please note some dates have been updated

Year 6 SATs Information Evening

An important meeting for all Year 6 parents and carers.

Come along on **November 20th at 6:30-7:15pm** to find out more about
the Year 6 SATs, what they entail, and how you can help your child in
the coming months.

Parents' Evening Booking System

Just a reminder that the link for booking your Parents' Evening slot is

www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmarks



There are **20 prizes of £20,000** to be won.
All you have to do is get stuck in!

We are excited to confirm that we are taking part in the Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion for a chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for our school. If you or your friends or relatives shop at Aldi and would like to pass on your stickers to us we would be delighted to receive them.
Thank you for your support.

OPEN EVENING

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BRIGHTON HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

To be held on Monday, 7th October 2019
6.00pm to 8.00pm

Students come first at Brighton Hill. We value every child and recognise their individual needs and aspirations. We expect and encourage all our students to aim high, behave well, work hard and achieve success

The Headteacher's talk will be held in the Community Hall at 6.10pm, 6.40pm, 7.10pm and 7.40pm

Brighton Hill Community School

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OPEN MORNINGS
Monday 30 September,
Wednesday 2 October,
Thursday 3 October, Friday
4 October, Wednesday 9
October, Thursday 10 October,
Monday 14 October.
Arrive for 9.00am

To include a personal tour of the school with senior students, an address from the Headteacher and the opportunity to meet with Middle and Senior Leaders.

Contact the school to book your visit
Reception: 01256 350606
reception@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

**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.wearrescl.co.uk to book your child's place.

From Monday 16th September SCL will be holding some themed days:

Mondays will be Bagel Pizza Day
Your child will be able to make their own bagel pizza

Wednesdays will be Slime Day
The children will be making slime



Technology is confusing, but we can help!

We all want to help our children stay safe when using technology. But it's not always easy to know how. Mobiles, tablets, game consoles, laptops, watches and more make it confusing!

In order for us to know how we can help you best, we're asking parents

to suggest areas or questions that they would like support with.

Please visit www.stmarksprimary.net/confusing to complete our short survey. We'll gather the responses, and put together a way to help out. Please submit your ideas/questions **by October half-term**. Thank you.



Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2020, you are welcome to come along to one of our school tours. The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place.

1. **Thurs 3rd Oct 10:30am (Full)**
2. **Tues 8th Oct 2pm (Full)**
3. **Weds 16th Oct 10:30am (Full)**
4. **Mon 11th Nov 7pm**
5. **Tues 12th Nov 2pm**
6. **Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am**

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THANK YOU

Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

for your generous donations of food

this **2019 Harvest season**

weighing 196.56 kgs,

which is equal to 468 meals!

In 2018, with your help, we have fed over 4,000 people of whom just over 1,350 were children. So far this year we have fed just over 2,800 people.

We are currently distributing an average of 3.3 tonnes of food per month to people in crisis in the Basingstoke and Deane region.

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

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