



Growing and Learning Together

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News Update - Monday 9th October, 2017



A Message From Mr Applegate

We had two successful and enjoyable discos on Friday night. A huge 'thank you' goes to our FOSM volunteers and the staff who helped out. Our pupils showed their excellent dance moves, and I was particularly impressed with their behaviour during both events. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings are this week and next.

The reason for the meetings are to get a brief update on how your child has started the year. Sessions are only 10 minutes long. If you know you need longer, or you know you take longer (!), please do book a separate session with the teacher. It's hard for other parents when everyone gets delayed. Thank you for your understanding



We would value your feedback as parents about how we are doing, and how we can improve. Please complete our online survey here:

stmarksprimary.net/survey

The first class to complete the survey will get a special prize from Mr Applegate. We would like to have feedback from each child's parent(s) or carer(s) in order to get a balanced and accurate view. 1 per child!

Play Equipment & Field

A parent recently asked about using the playground climbing equipment after school. Unfortunately, due to insurance and H&S reasons, the equipment **cannot** be used. We also ask that you ensure your children are not climbing on the grassy banks. The field is not to be used when wet or muddy. Thank you.

Respond To School At Home

We continue to explore democracy this week. Many pupils have applied for our school council or Eco committee. On Friday, the pupils will vote for their candidates using the ballot boxes- these are the same ones normally used in the Basingstoke and Deane elections.

You may wish to talk to your child about why it's important to have a say, and what life is like in places where people aren't allowed a choice.

Lunchtime Assistant - Hours of work are 11:45am until

1:30pm, Monday to Friday. Pay: £7.78 per hour

Breakfast Club Assistant - Hours of work are 7:45am until

8:45am, Monday to Friday. Pay: £7.78 per hour

Cleaner - Hours of work are 3:30pm until 5:30pm,

Monday to Friday. Pay: £7.78 per hour

Contact Office!

What are we working on this year? **REMINDER**

- 1) To ensure all pupils achieve their best in the core subjects, particularly those who struggle with learning, those whose circumstances make them vulnerable, and also those who excel. Challenge for all, with no capping of learning!
- 2) To further strengthen reasoning in maths, learning of grammar, and breadth in reading.
- 3) To improve our sports provision including during lunchtimes and after school.
- 4) To develop a set of learning behaviours, which alongside our core Christian values, support pupils in becoming excellent learners for life.
- 5) To strengthen the outdoor provision and computing provision within Year R.
- 6) To further develop learning opportunities within The Bridge, to ensure all pupils achieve their potential.
- 7) To improve activities available during break and lunch.

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



A helpful guide to staying safe online

Social media sites are very popular now. However, even though the age restriction for using the sites is 13+, many parents still allow children younger than this to be active members, followers and sharers.

If this is you, be sure that you know what they are doing online, and what information, photos or videos they are sharing or creating with others. Check out the NSPCC parent support website for really helpful information.

www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware

NSPCC

Something to think about: How do you model good online behaviour to your child?

Chat platforms are often sources of difficulties. Children can chat with friends they know and also with complete strangers. This can be done on the PS4, X-Box, mobiles, tablets- almost any device.

It's so important that you keep a close eye on your child's use of technology. Innocent apps or video games still allow the opportunity for unkind messages to be sent or received.



Where is technology used by your child? How secret is it?
Are age restrictions obeyed?
What is the culture of being safe online like in your home?

If you are concerned about cyber-bullying, you can talk to the parents of the children involved, speak to the police, or speak to school. Try to take screen-shots or photos of the messages sent- it's difficult to do anything when they are deleted.



Age-appropriate messages we learn at school!



Be a good communicator

Use good manners at all times and never be rude or mean to anyone in emails, texts and online conversations



Be careful what you post

Think before you post and agree not to post information photos or videos that could put you at risk or embarrass you or your friends now or in the future



Listen to your feelings and act if you feel uncomfortable

Always tell a trusted adult if anything you see or hear online makes you feel sad, scared or confused





Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term

Parents' Evening 1

Oct 12th 4-6:30pm

Parents' Evening 2

Oct 16th 4-6:30pm

Parents' Evening 3

Oct 18th 5-8pm

Half-term

October 23rd – 27th

Tombola - Non-Uniform

Nov 17th

Christmas Fayre

Dec 2nd

Flu Vaccinations YR – Y4

Dec 12th, 13th

Christmas break

Dec 22nd – Jan 3rd

Spring Term

First day

Thurs 4th Jan 2018

Half-term

Feb 12th – 16th

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

Last day of term

July 23rd

Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, the deadline for applying for a school place is Monday 15th January 2018.

If you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2018, you are welcome to come along to one of our school tours at St Mark's CofE Primary School. The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place.

INSET Days - 2018

Friday 19th January

Thurs 29th March

Monday 4th June

We apologise for the delay in getting these out.

Thursday 12th October 10:00am

Wednesday 18th October 10:00am

Wednesday 1st November 7:00pm

Wednesday 8th November 10:00am

Monday 13th November 7:00pm

Tuesday 14th November 2:00pm

Thursday 16th November 10:00am

Quick Links



Book Fair coming soon! 15th, 16th and 17th November. 3:30 – 4:30pm

Reminder - Year Group Updates

You can find fortnightly updates about what each year group has been doing via our website.

Something to think about...

FORGIVE. BECAUSE NONE OF US ARE PERFECT.

