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News Update - Monday 11th December, 2017

A Message From Mr Applegate

I am pleased to say that our Christmas fundraising activities have raised £5,675.60! It's a Christmas record at St Mark's. This includes £4,485.82 from the fayre alone. Thank you so much to all who gave money and time. It will be put to use to revamp our libraries in the Spring term, and to order new, quality books for everyone to enjoy. Thank you ©

We look forward to celebrating Christmas in our final two weeks. The countdown has begun!

Young Art - Competition

Is your child a budding artist? Perhaps they will want to enter this competition, which raises money for Cancer Research?

www.young-art.org.uk

Respond To School At Home

This week we think about the parable of The Lost Sheep, and The Good Shepherd. These parables talk about how God values us.

Why not talk to your child about how you value and love them? Or perhaps do something special to celebrate them – just because?!

Let it snow (or not?!)

If it is snowing significantly, then please check our website for the latest information regarding school closure. We'll also send a text too. Please assume the school is open unless you hear from the school otherwise. We will try to remain open if possible.

It's a timely reminder for parents to have a backup plan if we did have to close (which could be for a variety of reasons, not just snow).

Star Learner Awards

Well done to these pupils who won our 'Star Learner' awards this week! This is a weekly award given in Friday celebration worship, and nominated by a member of staff.

Reception

Renee, Ella, Naia

Year 1

Riker, Alfie, Harry

Year 2

Benjamin, Zachary, Jack

Year 3

Edward, Oscar

Year 4

Leah, Jake, Summer

Year 5

Princeley, George, Dexter

Year 6

Elisse, Katie, Matthew

Christmas Performances - Update

Performances are going well so far. A huge well done to Year R who were amazing last week. ©

There are a few tickets left for different performances. Phone the office to check for latest availability.

A few reminders:

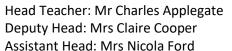
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No ticket = No performance ⊗

For all performances, young children and babies can be on an adult's lap in the performance. Older siblings will require a seat (and their own ticket). Finally, at the end of each performance, we'll be taking donations for "The Raising Hope Foundation", a charity which works with orphaned and vulnerable children in the traditional town of Santrokofi, Ghana.

www.raisinghopefoundation.co.uk





Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey

















IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To attend a performance this year you will need to have a free ticket. Please see our website for more information!



Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

Flu Vaccinations YR - Y4

Dec 12th, 13th

Christmas break

Dec 22nd – Jan 3rd

Spring Term

First day

Thurs 4th Jan 2018

Half-term

Feb $12^{th} - 16^{th}$

Easter break

Mar 30th - Apr 13th

INSET Days - 2018

Friday 19th January, Thurs 29th March, Monday 4th June

Summer Term

First day

Monday 16th April

May Day Bank Holiday

May 7th

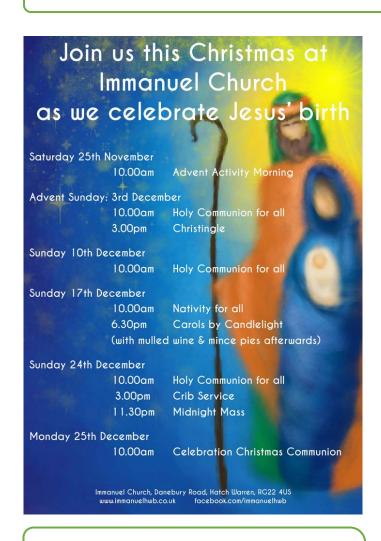
Half-term

May 28th – June 1st

Last day of term

July 23rd

We finish at 3:20pm on Thursday 21st December for the Christmas break.





See the letter on our website about the real issues with using YouTube.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th Dec

Feel free to decorate the St Mark's jumper with Christmas items, or wear a Christmas jumper.

Internet Safety- For Parents

Monday 15th Jan, 6:30pm
Come and hear from Paul Hay, internet safety expert. He will be running workshops for children in day, and an information session for parents in the evening.

NSPCC Workshops

Tues 23rd Jan, Thurs 1st Feb
The NSPCC are running assemblies and workshops for children about 'Pants are Private'. Please speak to your child's teacher in advance if you feel your child may find these sessions difficult for any reason. See the 'letters' section on our website for more information.

