



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



## A Message From Mr Applegate

What a term it has been! So much to be thankful for. Our pupils and staff work so hard, and I am pleased to see everyone giving their all as we continually look to go from strength to strength.

I'm sure you have thoroughly enjoyed the recent Christmas performances and carol services- a real highlight this term. There is such power in their singing! And of course the Christmas Fayre- a huge success, showing what a community can achieve when we come together. Thank you again to the FOSM team.

On a personal note, I want to say 'Thank You' for the way you have made me feel so welcome. I know that the staff new to our school feel the same. We are all enjoying getting to know our school community more. It's been a busy term, with various changes to our school, but I hope that you feel they have been positive and are making our school even stronger.

From all the staff at St Mark's, we want to wish you a wonderful Christmas; we hope you are able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends, and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas together. Merry Christmas!

## Respond To School At Home

Our theme in the New Year will be 'humility'- serving others, being unselfish, thinking of others more highly than ourselves. We will look at how Jesus was a great example of what it means to be humble and serve others. We will also be looking at a different learning behaviour each week. We'll let you know the learning behaviour so that you can talk about it at home, too.

## Christmas Parties & Non-School Uniform

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. **Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes (ie non-school uniform), ready for a party after lunch.**

## Staff News

We are sad to say that Mrs Smith and Miss Brown will be leaving us at the end of this week. Mrs Smith is one of our ELSA team, supporting children with emotional needs in various ways. Miss Brown works in The Bridge, again helping children with Social, Emotional, and Mental Health difficulties. We are grateful for all that they have given to our pupils, and wish them all the best in the next steps of their careers.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Poole (5P class teacher) as she goes on maternity leave. We will let you know any news about her baby in good time. Good luck Mrs Poole! Covering her class on Monday to Wednesday will be Mrs Aarol, an experienced teacher new to our school, and Mrs Stone, who the children already know well. We are pleased with these appointments and look forward to a successful two terms in 5P. Mrs Aarol will be spending time in 5P this week getting to know the children.

In January, we welcome Mrs Haresign to our Year R team, working 1-1 and in small groups. Mrs Ford goes on maternity in February.

## End of term reports

In order to help you know how your child is getting on throughout the year, we are introducing termly reports. These will be going home soon. We also have Parents' Evening in February- booking will open soon, too.

## ★ 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** - Finley, Myla, Kody
- ★ **Year 1** - Tanisha, Rickey, Edward
- ★ **Year 2** - Joseph, Darcy, Jessica
- ★ **Year 3** - Ellisia, Asani, Evie
- ★ **Year 4** - Leo, William, Mia
- ★ **Year 5** - Aidan, Pedro, Meghan
- ★ **Year 6** - Matthew, Evie, George

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





# Dates for your diary....

## Autumn Term

### Christmas break

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Spring Term

### First day

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

### Half-term

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

### Easter break

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

## Summer Term

### First day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

### May Day Bank Holiday

May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Half-term

May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>

### INSET Days - 2018

Friday 19th January, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### Last day of term

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

*We finish at 3:20pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December for the Christmas break.*

Join us this Christmas at  
Immanuel Church  
as we celebrate Jesus' birth

Saturday 25th November  
10.00am Advent Activity Morning

Advent Sunday: 3rd December  
10.00am Holy Communion for all  
3.00pm Christingle

Sunday 10th December  
10.00am Holy Communion for all

Sunday 17th December  
10.00am Nativity for all  
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
(with mulled wine & mince pies afterwards)

Sunday 24th December  
10.00am Holy Communion for all  
3.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December  
10.00am Celebration Christmas Communion

Immanuel Church, Danebury Road, Hatch Warren, RG22 4US  
[www.immanuelhub.co.uk](http://www.immanuelhub.co.uk) [facebook.com/immanuelhub](https://facebook.com/immanuelhub)



## Internet Safety- For Parents

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# NSPCC



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