



## St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Wednesday 18th April, 2018

#### A Message From Mr Applegate

I trust you have had a great Easter break- much needed I'm sure. Over Easter, we were able to refurbish our two libraries. This was made possible because of your generosity and FOSM's hard work. They are 95% finished, and we look forward to celebrating their official opening soon. A huge thank you to the members of staff who helped to make this possible. If you have any quality books you'd like to donate to the school, please bring them to the office. Thank you.

In KS2 Worship on Monday, we looked at what it means to be a Young Carer. Mrs Bennett will be starting our YC's club soon, and we'll be in touch if we feel it's appropriate for your child. We want to celebrate and recognise the help YC's provide and also support them, letting them know they aren't alone.

Finally, I'd love to have one week this half term where we don't have any complaints about parking. As the weather improves, let's aim to park just a few minutes further away and enjoy the exercise and weather ©

#### Website posts by email

We're conscious that whilst the weekly whole school newsletters go out via email, the year group posts on the website don't. So, very soon, we'll be sending out copies of fortnightly website posts from each year group via email. We will obviously continue to respect photo and other restrictions. It's the same information, just sent out in additional - and easier - ways. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Year Group Newsletters**

Please see our website for the latest termly newsletter on what your child will be learning this term. This will be emailed out soon.

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











#### **Respond To School At Home**

We are thinking about thankfulness this term. This week, we look at why it is important to be thankful.

As you go through the week with your family, why not take 1 minute each day – perhaps at dinner time – to say what each person in your family is thankful for?

#### **School Uniform**

As a reminder, could you please your child does not have any hair shaving designs and does not dye their hair. For more information, please refer to our School Uniform Policy:

www.stmarksprimary.net/school-uniform/



#### **Summer Attire**

As the weather is forecast to be warm and sunny this week, could we please remind you to send your child to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream should be applied at home. Please also ensure your child has a coat just in case it does rain!

#### **After School Clubs**

Club allocation letters will be coming home with your child this week. Please be aware that a number of clubs are very **heavily over-subscribed**. In these instances we have drawn names from a hat in order to make allocations and your child will receive a letter informing them that they have been successful in gaining a place on one of their chosen clubs. If your child does not bring a letter home then we regret that they have they been unsuccessful on this occasion and should try again next academic year. Thank you for your understanding.



# Dates for your diary....

May Day Bank Holiday May 7th

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Half-term

May 28th – June 1st

**INSET day** 

Monday 4th June

**Sports Day** 

Friday 15th June

**Reserve Sports Day** 

Friday 29th June

Last day of term

July 23rd (3:20pm)

#### **Attendance Rewards!**

We are introducing new class awards for being on time and at school every day. The more the whole class is on time and at school, the more chance they have of winning. Support your class and be on time at school, attending every day ©

Something to think about...

"We must find time to STOP & THANK the people who make a difference in our lives"

Our learning behaviour this half term is "Being Thankful".

This week, we are focusing on our learning behaviour of Responsibility.



### INSET DAYS - 2018 2019

Monday 3rd September 2018
Friday 19th October 2018
Monday 7th Jan 2019
Friday 5th April 2019
Monday 1st July 2019



KS1 & KS2 Disco Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

FOSM Tuck Shop

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

FOSM Summer Fun Day Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### **Baptisms**

In Fr.Michael's last term with us, he'd like to offer people the opportunity to be Baptised at Immanuel Church. For those who haven't been baptised, it is an opportunity to be welcomed into the Christian and church family and the beginning of a new journey. Fr. Michael would prepare those who would like to be baptised over the course of two or three sessions. If you or your child would like to be baptised or have any questions about it, please get in touch with Father Michael - <a href="mailto:frmichael.smith@gmail.com">frmichael.smith@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Being Thankful**

As we look at thankfulness this half term, we'll be looking at the following questions and ideas:

Why is it important to be thankful?

How do we show we are thankful?

Does our thankfulness reflect our heart?

Being thankful for our world.

Can we be thankful in all situations?