



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update – Wednesday 2nd May, 2018

## A Message From Mr Applegate

<u>KS1 Choir Performance</u> – A huge well done to our KS1 choir who were requested to perform on Sunday at QMC. Before Easter, they took the competition by storm and scored the most points out of all of the choirs!

<u>Newsletters</u> – Whilst these newsletter used to come out on Monday, they'll be coming out on Wednesdays from now on.

Attendance- Recently we sent out attendance letters with Gold, Green, Amber and Red colours. The idea was to inform parents what their child's attendance rate was, and categorise it accordingly. Unfortunately it does include genuine illness and if a child had been unwell for a week, this would put them into an amber category for example. We recognise that the system needs improving to be fairer to all, and we'll review it fully for next time. For your information, 97% is considered good attendance, and is the minimum of what we aim for all pupils where possible.

<u>Parking update</u> – On a positive note, the school held a meeting regarding how we as a school and community can develop a positive and consistent approach to road safety and parking. Ten people joined us, including a local councillor, county councillor, parents, and managers of Hatch Warren Community Centre and Dandelions. Our own Mrs Brackenridge represented our JRSOs. We are committed to a long term approach, changing culture and attitudes where needed. We recognised that it's often the few who make it dangerous, too. We had a positive meeting with several outcomes including:

- Improved signage for speed limits
- Joining the "Community Speed Camera Scheme"
- JRSOs raising awareness of road safety, and going out to confront parents and careers who deliberately park unsafely
- "Name and Shame" to carry on
- Various improvements to the Hatch Warren Community Centre to improve and enforce flow of traffic

## **Parking**

A Toyota car with registration ending NVZ blocked a driveway on Centurion Way. A silver Renault ending FSX blocked a pavement preventing safe passage without going on the roads, too ③ Let's all take care as we park carefully within our community and use the Community Centre car park wherever possible. Thank you for your continued support.



Parking on the pavement forces pedestrians onto the road, which is very dangerous!

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 how we show we are thankful, and how this shows what our heart and attitude are like. Are we thankful for the small things? Do we show that? Why not discuss why we should be grateful for life's little things.



# Dates for your diary....

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Inset Day** 

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Reserve Sports Day** 

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Half-Term

May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1st

**Sports Day** 

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jun

Yr 6 Class Photographs

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of Term

23<sup>rd</sup> July (3.20pm)

# **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 Something to think about.

Thankfulness will root out pride or pride will silence thankfulness.

Our theme for this half term is "Being Thankful".

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





Reception – Laila, Eleanor, Manuel

Year 1 – Imogen, Samuel, Sophie

Year 2 – Zachary, Aidan, Gemma

Year 3 - Teagan, Toby, Zach

Year 4 – Abbigail, Connor, Lucas

Year 5 – Amelie, Nayra, Molly

Year 6 – Isobel, Molly, Brayden

#### **Arriving late to School**

If your child is late into school, it's really important that you sign them in at the office in person, and not drop them off at the car park. This is for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

# **Chicks Update!**

As many will know, during March the Reception classes had some eggs in an incubator and at the end of March, just before Easter, three chicks hatched under the watchful eye of Fr.Michael. During the Easter holiday, the chicks were moved to just outside the hall and were looked after. They grew quickly and soon outgrew the container in which they were first in. As a result of their size, Fr.Michael has now taken them home where they are in a larger cage so they have more room to run around. When they are big enough, the three chicks will join the rest of Fr.Michael's chickens.

#### 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. 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 different - and easier - ways. The next year group update goes out around 4th May. Remember to check your spam! You can unsubscribe if you wish using the links on the newsletter.