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News Update – Tuesday 26th June, 2018

A Message From Mr Applegate

A huge thank you for supporting our FOSM Summer Fun Day on Saturday. We had a great turn out! It simply couldn't happen without the fantastic efforts from our FOSM team in particular, as well as other volunteers including staff, parents, stall holders and friends of the school. We really appreciate it. We'll let you know the amount raised as soon as it has been counted.



During the first week of July, we'll be focussing on our values of Love, Forgiveness, Hope and Faith. We look forward to understanding them more, and putting them into practice as we live and learn together.

Our Year 6 took part in their Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral on Friday. Their behaviour and attitude throughout was fantastic. We were asked by the diocese if some of our children would lead the prayers, which we did willingly. Well done to Emily W, Molly E, and Luke for doing this so well. Each school also designed and made a 'Chair for Heroes'. There will be more detailed photos on our website soon. They did a brilliant job- very thoughtfully put together.



Have a great week 😊

Peter Pan Performance

Year 5 and Year 6 parents, tickets are available to order at www.stmarksprimary.net/summerplay

Hot Weather

As the forecast for the hot sunny weather is set to continue, could we please remind parents to apply sun cream to your children before school. Please also ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle to school.

We will also be assessing the temperature on a daily basis and have introduced shorter playtimes to prevent any risk of overheating.

Baptism

Fr. Michael will be baptising a number of children from St Mark's School on **Sunday 1st July at 3pm**. Singing will be led by a group from the school choir. Everyone is welcome to come to this service of celebration and welcome. There will be a special celebratory tea afterwards with squash, tea, coffee and plenty of cake.

Ice Pops

FOSM will be holding another Ice Pop sale on Friday 29th June. All ice pops will be 20p

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





Dates for your diary....

INSET DAYS – 2018 2019

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

Thursday 28th June

Year 5 Taster Day
At Brighton Hill

Tuesday 3rd July

Year 6 Class Photographs

Monday 9th July

Year 3 trip to SeaCity

Tuesday 10th July

Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 17th July

Year 4 trip to Gordon Brown
Education Centre

Monday 23rd July

Last day of Term (3.20pm)

Transition Morning

On Friday 6th July, all year groups will have a “transition morning”, spending around 1½ hours with their new class, in their new classroom. They’ll be taught by their new teacher, too. They find this information out on the day itself, not before. Children also find out which friends are in their new class. This is the way many schools operate because it really reduces anxiety about the change. When they have spent time with their new class and teacher, they feel much more confident and don’t have to worry over the summer. Remember, children have already given a list of friends they would like to be with, and we aim to include at least 1 child in the list. On 6th July, Year 6 have specific arrangements mainly based on their secondary school (Year 6 will communicate about this separately). End of Year reports will be sent home around 11th July.

Backpacks & Sandals

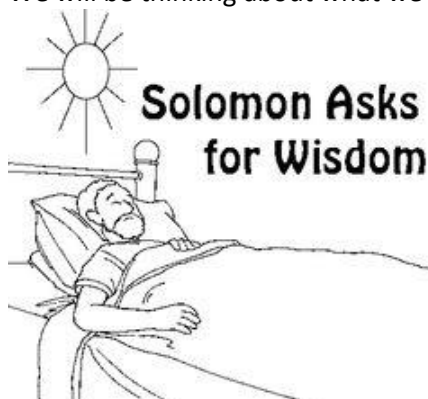
A reminder that small backpacks are now allowed to be brought into school (as small as possible- space is limited!). Sandals may be worn in the summer months but should be either white or black in colour, have straps that securely hold feet in place and not be made of fabric. Socks must be worn for H&S reasons



Reception – George, Sienna, Archie
Year 1 – Matthew, Emily, Jessica,
Anaya, Rosie, Scarlett
Year 2 – Travis, Poppy, Scarlett
Ben, Adam, Lucy
Year 3 – Ethan, Zesiro, Lucas
Oliver, Penny, Jeevan
Year 4 – Sienna, Connor, Anthony
Nathan, Josh, Jack
Year 5 – Cian, Benjamin, James
Imogen, Sophie, Kunwa

The Wisdom of Solomon

This week, we are learning about Solomon’s wisdom. Interestingly, the story goes that in a dream, Solomon asked God for wisdom so that he could lead his people; he didn’t ask for riches and honour. We will be thinking about what we ask for and what we desire.



Why not ask talk as a family about why is was good for Solomon to ask for wisdom, when he could have asked for anything else?

Price Increases

It’s been over 8 years since Breakfast Club prices have increased. From September, the current charge of £2.00 will increase to £2.50. For those joining at 8:20am, the charge will still be £1.00.

Further, after school clubs run by Planet Education will carry a small surcharge of £1 per session. Staff led clubs will still be free. We feel this provides excellent value. Many schools charge £4+ for either breakfast club or after school clubs. Also, HC3S who run the school dinners have asked us to inform parents that the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.30 from September 2018.

Skoolkit

We have received the following message from Skoolkit:

Due to the demand for uniform and the volume of orders we receive online during the summer holidays, we would ask that parents place their orders by Friday 10th August in order to give us enough time to dispatch their uniform in time for the beginning of the new school year in September. Orders can be placed after this, however, they may not arrive in time for children going back to school and we want to avoid disappointment.

We are running three separate promotional codes for free delivery before this date and these are:

29th June – 1st July – JUNEDEL18

27th – 29th July – JULYDEL18

8th – 10th August – AUGDEL18

These codes are only valid during the times specified and will need to be entered when parents are viewing their baskets online.

Choir perform at The Anvil – twice!

Some of our choir took part in the Basingstoke Primary Music (BPSM) concert at the Anvil last week. The singing at the two evening events was truly amazing. Having taken part for many years at previous schools, I do believe it was one of the best BPSM performances I have seen and heard. A huge thank you to Mrs Chapman, Mrs Coxon and Mrs Baird, who made our involvement possible. Mrs Chapman scripted the narration for the performance, which the narrators all read out so well. And 3C produced the artwork for the programme! What a talented school.

The children who took part were:

Abi M, Amber M, Archie H, Charlie B, Chloe P, Daniel H, Daniel H, Elliott P, Evie C, Imogen T, Katie G, Katie M, Megan B, Milen O, Mira A, Molly E, Olivia B, Olivia P, Rue B, Ruby G, Scarlett V, Scarlett B, Sophie B, Sophie W, and Will B.

Ruby G and Scarlett B performed in the chamber choir, a selected group of singers who also performed solos! Chloe P, Daniel H, Olivia B and Ruby G narrated part of the performance, which took us around the world in a musical way. Well done to you all!



Gardening Opportunity

A parent has kindly volunteered to help with some gardening 9am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Would you be able to join her for some or all of these times? Whatever you can give. Gardening gloves and a trowel would be helpful. It's mainly light gardening of some of our beds. Just let the office know if you can help. Thank you!

Did you know? We are supporting the FIFA World Cup at St Mark's. Each country has a supporter- including classes, teams, and adults. Well done 6G for your excellent result on Sunday!

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|  Russia Group A 6D |  France Group C 5P |  Brazil Group E 6P |  Belgium Group G 4G |
|  Saudi Arabia Group A 4C |  Australia Group C 1H |  Switzerland Group E Governors |  Panama Group G Penguins |
|  Egypt Group A 1C |  Peru Group C Puffins |  Costa Rica Group E 5H |  Tunisia Group G 2R |
|  Uruguay Group A -Cleaning Team |  Denmark Group C Pastoral Team |  Serbia Group E Mrs Aley |  England Group G 6G |
|  Portugal Group B 3C |  Argentina Group D Office |  Germany Group F Mrs Cooper |  Poland Group H 2B |
|  Spain Group B 4T |  Iceland Group D Mr Applegate |  Mexico Group F 3B |  Senegal Group H Lunch Team |
|  Morocco Group B Mr Carter |  Croatia Group D 3H |  Sweden Group F 1J |  Colombia Group H 2S |
|  Iran Group B 5C |  Nigeria Group D Mrs Prevett |  South Korea Group F Bridge Team |  Japan Group H Parrots |