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News Update – Thursday 5th July, 2018

A Message From Mr Applegate

I'm really pleased to announce that through our FOSM summer fun day last week, we raised £2,843.60! We smashed last year's amount of £1,642. Amazing, and thank you!

Our Year 5 pupils went to Brighton Hill on Thursday for a taster day. Their attitude and behaviour were brilliant, and they enjoyed the excellent activities on offer.

I am looking forward to our Friday 'transition' morning. It's a great opportunity for the children to feel settled about arrangements for September through experiencing time in their new class.

Reports come out around 12th July. We'll be including a survey for parents and carers to complete; we would appreciate your support in this to further improve our school.

Please can I ask you to walk on the pathways when coming into school each morning, as opposed to on the grass over the mounds. Thank you.

We're still looking for a few more volunteers to help us with some simple gardening on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning from 9am, for as long or as little as you like. Even 30mins is great! It's light gardening, it's social, and it's fun. Contact the office if you are available. A huge thank you to Mrs Matthews for all that she has done so far.

Finally, this week we are having a focus on our Christian Values through our 'RE Week'. We'll be thinking about how we can demonstrate love, hope, faith and forgiveness in our lives for the benefit of others. Have a great week ☺

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.

Staff Goodbyes

On 12th June, I wrote about some staffing changes that we wished to announce at that time. This was the news that Miss Pett, Mrs Hiscock and Mrs Laws would be moving to new schools from September. Further to this, it is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to a few other members of staff who are leaving at the end of July.

Since January 2018, Mrs Stone and Mrs Arrol have jointly taught class 5P following Mrs Poole taking maternity leave. They have worked extremely hard in 5P, and I know that the children will miss them both. We are grateful for all that they have given, and I know that you join me in wishing them all the best in their next ventures.

Mrs Hurcomb and Mrs Cameron have been part of our fantastic PPA team. Mrs Cameron has also been teaching in 2S each week. We have appreciated their flexibility and the dedication they have shown, and they will be greatly missed.

Finally, Miss Bentliff has been a brilliant part of our LSA team working in the Bridge. Her care, commitment, and compassion has allowed our pupils in the Bridge to grow and achieve, and we are grateful for all that she has given.

We wish them all the very best in the future. ☺

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

Friday 6th July

FOSM Tuck Shop

Tuesday 10th July

Year 4 Roman Day

Monday 23rd July

Last day of Term (3.20)

Monday 9th July

Year 3 trip to SeaCity

Tuesday 17th July

Year 4 trip to Gordon
Brown Education Centre

*Please accept our
apologies that we originally
stated Year 5 for the Gordon
Brown visit*

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.

Star Learners

Reception – Joe, George, Freya,
Bethany, Lucas, George

Year 1 – Dylan, Megan, AJ
Noah, Rickey, Owen

Year 2 – Max B, Oscar, Charlotte
Phoebe, Charlie

Year 3 – Charlotte, Brooke-Marie,
Krisztina, Sophie

Year 4 – Nash, Gabriel, Rhys

Year 5 – Sofia, Finley, George, Sam

Year 6 – Rebecca, Will, Thomas,
Matthew H

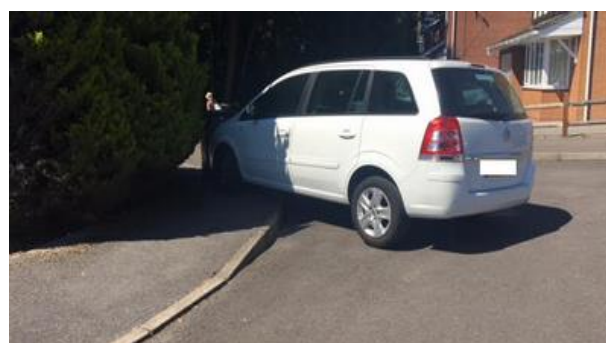
After-School Clubs

Please note this week is the last week for all St Marks After-School Clubs. Planet Education Clubs will continue until the end of term.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have had another local resident contact us regarding inconsiderate parking. On this occasion, the car was parked on yellow lines and blocking access to Highwood Ridge. When the resident tried to speak to the driver, they were quite rude and aggressive with their response.

We would like to remind all parents about the importance of parking in a considerate manner. Let's be careful not to park on pathways, or near a junction. Thank you!



Peter Pan Tickets



Tickets will be coming home today with Year 5 & 6 children. Please contact the office if you require any more. A special thank you to Mrs Parker for all her help with the tickets.

School Car Park

If you have permission to park in the school car park, please be considerate of other drivers and please also be aware that you may well be blocked in. If you can be sure to notify the office of your car registration, we can do our best to avoid any unnecessary delays.

Open Afternoon

On Monday 16th July from 3:30pm-6pm, we are holding an open afternoon. This is a chance for you to come in, view some of your child's art work, and say hello to your child's current teacher and also their new teacher. Please note this starts at the later time of 3:30pm, not 3pm as in previous years.

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 Alsey	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