



# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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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 comes out around 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 news 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

FOSM Tuck Shop

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Year 4 Roman Day

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of Term (3.20)

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Year 3 trip to SeaCity

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:  
29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – JUNEDEL18  
27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July – JULYDEL18  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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

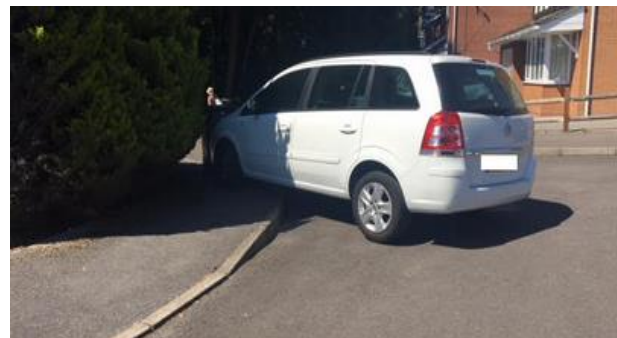
## After-School Clubs

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 manor. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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