



St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update – Monday 16th July, 2018

A Message From Mr Applegate

We had a great 'transition morning' recently. Our pupils enjoyed spending time in their new class with their new teacher, and this seemed to really reduce worries about what September will be like.

Our musicians performed so well last Monday in our Summer Music Concert. This included those who learn in our very own orchestra and those who have lessons with other adults from Hampshire. I do believe that learning an instrument gives children life-long skills that are valuable to both future education and also to employers, as well as bringing much personal enjoyment. From September, Year 3 pupils take part in 'Listen2Me', which is a weekly 45 minute music lesson run by Hampshire Music. They will learn instruments including ukulele, brass instruments and samba drums (with the actual instruments provided by Hampshire Music). Parents will be invited to watch them perform, too. This is in addition to the other music opportunities offered at St Mark's.

Year 3 were also brilliantly behaved on their trip to Sea City last week. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for helping. Year 4 went back to the Roman times last week with their themed Roman Day. See the Year 4 part of our website for photos.

Our Eco Team commissioned our two new 'bug hotels' last week, which are made out of recycled materials or old junk. They look amazing. See www.stmarksprimary.net/category/ecocommittee

I enjoyed a tea party with 1H and 3B recently, due to their fantastic attendance and punctuality. 6D have their treat this week!

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who are performing 'Peter Pan' several times this week. I can't wait to see it. They also enjoy their graduation party on Friday night, and Leavers' Service on Friday morning. See the Year 6 web page for more info. A sad but happy week!

Finally, I do hope you have enjoyed reading your child's report pack. We are proud of our pupils, and whilst there is always more to do, we hope it was a time to heap encouragement and praise on your child. **Please don't forget to complete two things this week:**

1. Report Response (coloured piece of paper in report pack)
2. Online Questionnaire – www.stmarksprimary.net/survey

Have a great week 😊

Open Afternoon – Today!

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.

Peter Pan Tickets

There are still some tickets available for Y5/6 performance of Peter Pan for Weds afternoon and evening. Contact the office if you are interested.

World Cup Winners

Well done to 5P- our winners of the St Mark's World Cup competition. They luckily chose France 😊

Library Books

Please can all outstanding library books come back to school for the summer? Thank you!

Safe Word

In September, we'll be introducing a safe word system. Each family will have a unique word for their children, which needs to be given whenever a phone call is made to change pickup arrangements or other changes.

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

Tuesday 17th July

Year 4 trip to Gordon Brown Education Centre

Monday 23rd July

Last day of Term (3.20)

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

Term begins Tuesday 4th September 2018

After-School Clubs

Please note the following clubs will be running this week:

Monday – Tag Rugby

Tuesday – Gymnastics

Wednesday – Racket Skills

Thursday – Multi Skills

Friday - Cricket

Message from the Office

Please can we remind you that all outstanding monies due for dinners and/or breakfast club must be settled before the end of term. When making payment please take into account the rest of the term and include that amount. In future we kindly ask that you pay in advance and not in arrears.

*******ALL DEBTS MUST BE CLEARED
BY MONDAY 23rd JULY*******



Reception – Elliott, Lara, Charlie
Max, Zachary, Florence

Year 1 – Kalel, Jack, Sean, Lewis
Isaac, Oliver

Year 2 – Raphael, Reece, Nathan
Mason, Archie, Madison

Year 3 – Asani, Megan, Skye, Bela
Harrison, Rafferty

Year 4 – Lexie, James, Sam, Shayna
Lola, Daniel

Year 5 – Polly, Sommer-Louise, Freya
Emily, Matthew, Liam

Year 6 – Tobv, Eliza, Jack, Charlie

A huge thank you to Hatch Warren Phoenix FC for donating a brand new football kit for use by our KS2 pupils!



... and a huge 'cool' thanks goes to Aimee and Emilie's mum, who purchased brand new fans for every class!



Parking – a selection of last week's howlers ☹

From Hatch Warren Community Centre: "A St Mark's mum was seen driving very fast around the car park, obviously in a hurry. A child ran out and missed her car within a few inches. The child did run out, which wasn't the drivers fault, but she was still driving way too fast." Let's use this a reminder to be careful.



Paths and verges are for people not cars.

Parking like this reduces visibility making it unsafe for children and adults.

We want to prevent accidents from happening.

Why not park 5 minutes away and take a stroll to school?



This dangerous parking led to reduced visibility. Manoeuvring difficult too.



Breakfast Club

If you have any board games that you no longer require, our Breakfast Club team would really appreciate any donations. We currently have plenty of puzzles, but more board games would always be welcome.
Thank you in advance 😊

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.



From Immanuel Church



Summer Create Pray

'Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life' – Pablo Picasso

Adult & Child places for Summer 'Create Pray' for Quite Contemplation!

A time and space to enjoy creating alongside your child or grandchildren where you can explore your creativity, sharing skills and relaxing to beautiful contemplative music.

Wednesday 1st August - Book Now!

10.30am until 2.30pm

Refreshments Provided (bring your own lunch)

Projects on offer: Tile painting - Tree of Life - Mindful Colouring

Communal Painting on canvas - Origami Doves for a Church Instillation Project

There is an array of materials for your use: Mindful Colouring Pages, Collage, Sketching, Painting -watercolour & acrylics, paper, card and glue.

This will be available for children 8 years and over accompanied by an adult!

Adults £5.00 Adult + 1 Child £7.50 Adult + 2 or more Children £10.00

At Immanuel Church Hatch Warren & Beggarwood, Danbury Rd Basingstoke

For Further Details Contact Kay Mason – createpray@gmail.com

PLEASE WEAR OLD CLOTHING

"Loving Your Children On Purpose" - Parenting Course

Parenting is tough! Almost all parents think the same. But how do we get better at doing it? Come along to this course to find out more.

We ran a great parenting course last year, which was oversubscribed. We are pleased to be offering several next year too. See details below.



LOVING YOUR CHILDREN ON PURPOSE

HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE LIFE WITH YOUR CHILD?

Parenting is the most demanding job in world, but we aren't taught how to do it at school!

Come along to this course to be equipped and encouraged!

Book your place by contacting the school on 01256 346 111 or adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk

What do you do when your child gives you their worst?

How do you build a culture of love and connection?

How do you cope with fear in your parenting?

How do you deal with family stress in parenting?

How do you deal with conflict with your children?

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Thursdays 7.30 -9.30pm
4th, 11th, 18th October and
1st, 8th, 15th November

£10 per person/£15 per couple

Refreshments included