



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

St Mark's CofE Primary School



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News Update – Tuesday 11th September 2018

A message from Mr Applegate

What a great start we had to our new academic year! Thank you to our parents and carers for all you have done to help our pupils to be ready for school.

Don't forget about the communication evenings taking place over the next two weeks. They really are important, and we are slimming down the amount of information we give out so that we don't overload you.

Alongside Immanuel Church, we're holding a Macmillan Coffee morning for parents and carers in the main hall on Friday 28th September, from 9am. Come and have coffee and cake, and raise money for a great cause!



Finally, we look forward to celebrating Harvest next week. See the note in this newsletter for more info.

Mr Applegate ☺

Harvest – What can you give?

On Weds 19th Sept, Foodbank are talking to our pupils about why it exists and how it works. This is to help our pupils understand the needs of others and how giving makes a huge difference.

On Friday 21st September, it would be great if you could bring in dry/tinned food. Your donations will be shared between Foodbank and May Place.

After School Clubs

KS2 Choir will resume Tuesday 11th September.

Letters regarding places for all other after school clubs will be sent home this week.

Please note, however, that most clubs are heavily over-subscribed and names have been drawn from a hat to determine places.

Respond To School At Home



This Friday, we launch 'HeartSmart' – and Boris the Robot will visit St Mark's. Your child will already know about the 'High Five', so why not ask them about it? It's also in the back of the reading log.

Well done to...



Star Learners

- Year 1 – Chloe, Oscar, Mariana
- Year 2 – Charlie, Scarlett, Heath
- Year 3 – Lexie, Millie, Joseph
- Year 4 – Leah, Evie, Harri
- Year 5 – Logan, Luca, Archie
- Year 6 – Ashton, Evan, Erin, Francesca

Something to think about...



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





Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

Curriculum Evenings – See Below
 21st Sept – Harvest
 28th Sept – Election Day (Please note there is a change of date, it is no longer 8th October)
 10th Oct – Y6 SATs Info Evening, 6:15pm
 29th Oct – Y6 Residential Week
 7th Nov, 6pm – Y5 Residential Meeting
 12th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
 19th Nov – Road Safety Week
 21st, 26th, 28th Nov – Parents' Evenings

Spring Term

11th Jan – Autumn reports out
 27th Feb, 4th & 6th March – Parents' Evenings

Windmill Hill Yrs 5 & 6

Year 6 parents and pupils can hear information about the upcoming residential at the curriculum evening on 12th Sept. Year 5 parents have a separate meeting on 7th Nov @ 6pm about PGL 2019.

Summer Term

26th April – Spring Reports out
 13th May – Y6 SATs Week
 7th June – Sports Day
 14th June – Reserve Sports Day
 5th July – Transition Day
 12th July – Summer Reports out

Curriculum Evenings for September

You are invited to a brief meeting to learn more about your child's year group. They will be held on the following days and times:

	Weds 12 th September	Thurs 13 th September	Weds 19 th September
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Year 2	Year 1	Year 4
7:15pm – 7:45pm	Year 6 (includes Windmill info)	Year 3	Year 5

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

Monday 3rd Sept 2018
 Friday 19th Oct 2018
 Monday 7th Jan 2019
 Friday 5th Apr 2019
 Monday 3rd Jun 2019
 (not 1st Jul)

FOSM AGM

FOSM – Friends of St Mark's – is our fantastic group of parents and friends of the school who help to organise events and fundraise for our school. We are always looking for additional support so that we have capacity to run these events. Please come to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd October at 7pm at St Mark's to find out more. Coming along doesn't mean you are roped into every event! Thank you.

DBS

Want to help on a school trip in the future? Please contact the office ASAP to start a free DBS application. No DBS, no trip! It can take 3-4 weeks to come through.

Accessing School In The Morning

Due to safeguarding reasons and noise levels, please note the school office cannot be accessed before 8.30am. If you need to speak to the office staff, we ask that you wait until then.

Only parents with explicit permission from Mr Applegate can access the office before this time, please note permission will need to be approved at the start of each term.

Please note with the exception of children arriving for Breakfast Club, or those with permission to access the car park, all children should use the school gates to come into school

Healthy Snacks

Remember, sugary snacks are not allowed at break time. This includes yoghurt coated fruit and fruit winders, and more. Please bring fruit in- it's great "brain & body" food.

Emails and Year Group Updates

Bear with us as we update our email lists. We have an automatic system that emails out our Year Group updates on our website to those on the email list. You can of course opt out of these emails. Year Group updates are sent out fortnightly.

Parking

Unfortunately we've had a complaint about parking on local roads. I've asked residents to take photos where possible so that we name and shame those parking in unhelpful and/or dangerous places. These photos will be put in our newsletters. This is for the sake of our pupils' safety. I don't want any child to be hurt.

Lollypop Man

Please note that Frank, who mans the Danebury Road crossing, will be away for the next two weeks due to illness. We will inform you via the newsletter if he doesn't return after this time.

“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