



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### A message from Mr Applegate

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your donations towards our Harvest Worship on Friday. A huge amount was donated, which will go towards May Place and Foodbank. We are thinking about how we can do this on a semi-regular basis so as to support them at other times of the year, too.

Well done to Ruby G and Imogen T for gaining solos in the Basingstoke Variety Show! They 'wow'd' the judges, and will be performing in October at the Anvil. Thank you to the other pupils who auditioned and showed great courage in giving it a go. And of course to Mrs Chapman and Mrs Coxon for their support in this excellent opportunity.

Our 'safe word' system will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, and letters are going home this week. Please do share the word with other adults who pick up your children. This system really applies to changes in pick-up arrangements on the phone, but also to other circumstances where we may need to verify identity (particularly on the phone).

Traffic complaints still come in, particularly for local roads. If you see poor parking, please do take a photo and email the office. We really need proof to take any action.

Finally, we look forward to voting on September 28<sup>th</sup> for our School Councillors, Eco Committee, Christian Voice Ambassadors and Raising Hope Foundation (RHF) Ambassadors. It's also a great way to learn about democracy. Good luck to everyone!

Mr Applegate ☺

### Contact Information

Please note if there are any changes to the data we hold for your children in school it must be reported to the school office, so we can update your records accordingly.

This includes change of address, telephone numbers, medical information or email addresses for parents.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION WE HOLD IS UP TO DATE!**

### Parents' Evening

Online booking will open the week before Half Term.

They will take place on the following dates:

- 21st Nov, 4-6:30pm
- 26th Nov, 4-6:30pm
- 28th Nov, 5-7:30pm



### Respond To School At Home

This week, we are thinking about the story of the Prodigal Son- where a father forgives his son despite him running away with his inheritance. Why not talk to your child about why forgiveness can be difficult, and how it can change situations when we forgive.

### Change to Menu

Please note there is a change to the green option on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. It will now be Vegetarian Sausage Puff



- Year 1 – Ruby, Raymon, Isla
- Year 2 – Alfie, Edward, Finley
- Year 3 – Sophia, Darcy, Ella
- Year 4 – Zesiro, Jackson, Nicky
- Year 5 – Gabriel, Lily, Jemimah
- Year 6 – Alyxandra, Amber, Sabian, Molly

### School Gates

Remember, please use the side gates as the office doors aren't open to general use until 3:20pm; school is still in session! Thank you.

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

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – School Photos  
28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Election Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Sept – McMillan Coffee Morning.  
**Parents, please join us from 9am**

10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 SATs Info Evening,  
6:15pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 Residential Week  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6pm – Y5 Residential Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Road Safety Week  
21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evenings

## Spring Term

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

### INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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

## Summer Term

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

## FOSM



2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – AGM (7pm → )  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct - FOSM School Disco  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec – FOSM Christmas Fayre  
To volunteer, please email:  
[secretary@friendsofstmarks.org](mailto:secretary@friendsofstmarks.org)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm at St Mark's to find out more. Coming along doesn't mean you are roped into every event! Thank you.

Something to think about...

Don't rub it in...  
... rub it out!



## Foundation Governor Needed

We're in need of a foundation governor to join our governing body. A foundation governor is someone who is a fully fledged governor, represents and looks out for the Christian ethos of the school, and is themselves a regular church-goer (counted as at least 1-in-4 Sundays). Governors play an exciting and important role in the life of our school. We meet about twice per half term, usually around 5 or 6pm. There is also plenty of training available. If you are interested, please do speak with Mr Applegate. We'd be really grateful.

## McMillan Coffee Morning

Do join us for a coffee or tea on the McMillan Coffee Morning, held jointly with Immanuel. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, from 9am, in the main hall.

## Windmill Hill Yr 5

There is a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 6pm for Yr 5 Parents about PGL 2019.

## Desperate Plea! We need a favour ☺

Do you know anyone who can lay tarmac/asphalt? We have 3 small projects that need some tarmac laid. These areas will allow more bikes to be stored at school, give the children more activities to do during lunch and play time, and also help solve the problem of the flooded paths by putting in an alternative route. Please ask around and get in touch with the office. We can contribute, but would really value 'mate's rates' or a huge favour from a company or builder.

## Is your child entitled to £1,300 of support at school – every year for up to 6 years?



Many families are unaware of the additional funding a school receives to support their child at school. The Pupil Premium is worth over £1300 to the school and directly benefits your child. You can check online yourself if this is applicable – simply go to [www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals) and click 'I would like to check for free meal eligibility'. Please note that if your child is already getting Universal Infant Free School Meals (ie has a school meal and is in Year R, 1 or 2), **please still carry out this check**. Rather confusingly, the Pupil Premium is different to the Universal Infant Free School Meals which children in year R, 1 and 2 get automatically – despite the online check system calling it free school meal eligibility. The sooner you do this, the better it is for your child and the school. You will need your national insurance number or your national asylum support service reference number. Alternatively, just phone the office and we can guide you through the process.

## Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, the deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2019. If you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2019, you are welcome to come along to one of our school tours.

The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place.

1. Thursday 4th October 10:30am
2. Tuesday 9th October 2pm
3. Wednesday 17th October 10:30am
4. Wednesday 7th November 10:30am
5. Tuesday 13th November 2pm
6. Wednesday 14th November 7pm
7. Thursday 22nd November 10:30am

## Explorers 30th September 2018

### A message from Immanuel Church

Immanuel Church is pleased to announce the return of our Sunday School 'Explorers' during the morning service on Sunday 30th September. Following closely the topics covered in school, this is a fun, lively, creative group of worship and prayer for children from Reception to Year 6. Each child will have the opportunity to take part in the activities and create something to take away with them. The Explorers group will then run on the last Sunday of each month (excluding December when there will be other exciting events to take part in!)

We hope you can join us, enjoying time in your local church community from 10am to 11am. There will be tea, coffee and soft drinks after the service which we'd love to share with you and your family. See you there! Please be advised that parents will be expected to stay during the service.