



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

## A message from Mr Applegate

A huge thank you to everyone for joining our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together, our community raised £516.65! Our thanks goes to Mrs Collins from St Mark's and Pauline from Immanuel Church for taking the lead in the organisation.

It was great to see democracy in action on Friday as children were voted in for different roles. See the newsletter for our newly elected members. Again, thanks goes to Mrs Boyle who took the lead in putting this all together.

This week we start our 'safe word' system. Remember, if you make changes to your child's details or arrangements at school, we will ask you for the family safe word.

Have a great week.  
Mr Applegate

## School Census

Three times a year, every school is subject to a 'census day'. This is a day when we have to fill out a range of questions about our school to provide a snapshot in time of what it is like to be at St Mark's. Some of this information is used to make decisions about funding for the next financial year. One such piece of information is how many Key Stage 1 and year R pupils choose to eat a school meal on that day e.g. take up the universal free school meals. Therefore, if a lot of children do not take their meal on census day and then take it on other days, the funding difference has to come from other areas of our already tight budget! **Therefore, this is a plea that if you have a child in years R, 1 and 2, can you encourage them to have a school lunch on Thursday 4th October. You will be helping us to get the best possible funding for our children!**

## School Office

Remember, even if you have permission to access the school car park, please use the side gates whenever possible to collect your children; as school is still in session.

The office doors will not open until 3:20pm.

Thank you

## 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!**



Year R – Isobel, Toby, Jackson  
Year 1 – Joe, Chloe, Florence  
Year 2 – Oliver, Imogen, Iremide  
Year 3 – Libby, Phoebe, Sophia M  
Year 4 – Lauren, Isabel, Evie B  
Year 5 – Fearne, Leo, Jayden  
Year 6 – Ella, Sammy, Dasha, Miley

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

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

## 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

## Head Lice

There have been some cases of head lice in the school. Please check your children and treat if necessary.  
 Thank you

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Jul)

## 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)

## Rotary Shoebox Scheme



This year we will be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme which provides essential items for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Over the coming days your child will be bringing home a leaflet with details of the scheme and a list of items to include in your shoebox. If you would like to take part, please can we ask that all shoeboxes are brought into the school office on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October before the end of the school day** (and not before due to lack of storage space)!

## FOSM School Disco

We are still looking for volunteers to help run the disco. If you can help with KS1 from 4.45 or KS2 from 5.45, or both, please email [secretary@friendsofstmarks.org](mailto:secretary@friendsofstmarks.org). Your help enables these events to happen, lets the children have fun and raises funds for our children at St Mark's.

## KS2 Fruit

Please note if you have a child in KS2, we cannot always guarantee that fruit will be available for a morning snack. Please pack some fruit for your child to enjoy at morning break.

## Parents' Evening

Online booking will open the week before Half Term.

They will take place on the following dates:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 4-6:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4-6:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5-7:30pm

Something to think about

Fake is a mistake!



## Hatch Warren After-School Club

If your child attends the After-School Club, could you please ensure any changes made to regular arrangements are confirmed to both the after school club and the school office.  
 Thank you

## School Photographs are ready to purchase!

The school photographs are now ready to purchase online.

You should have received a card with your online login and password to your personal gallery. Please log in to the website [www.snappersphotography.co.uk](http://www.snappersphotography.co.uk) (not Google) and register your name and e-mail address.

The photos will be available online with free delivery back to the school until the **21/10/18** with a discount if you order before **05/10/18**. Orders made after this date will be available for approximately 4 weeks but will be posted direct to your home address.

### Lost Property

During the Summer Term, a white gold and diamond ring was found in the Dining Hall. It was mentioned in a previous newsletter, but has never been claimed.

If you think this could belong to you, please contact the school office.

### 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.

### 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



### 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.

# Our New Committee Members 2018:

This year we had an **AMAZING 225** application forms and are proud of everyone who applied. They made super posters, speeches, poems and wonderful badges to get their class to vote for them! Thank you for taking the time to take part in our elections. Well done **EVERYONE!**

## Our Eco Warriors 2018

Yr 6 - Alanna, Hannah, Georgie, Skye  
Yr 5 - Madison, Ellie, Rhys  
Yr 4 - Ava, Maddie, Evie  
Yr 3 - Adam, Stanley, Hollie  
Yr 2 - Anaya, Kayla, Ava  
Yr 1 - Chloe, Naia, Isaac



## Our School Council 2018

Yr 6 - Jack, Ashton, Aimee, Nicole  
Yr 5 - Gabriel, Leo, Sophie  
Yr 4 - Alice, Brooke, DJ  
Yr 3 - Milly, Madison, Freya  
Yr 2 - Emelia, Kalel, Riker  
Yr 1 - Jack, Elouise H, Owen



## Our Christian Voice Ambassadors 2018

Yr 6 - Chloe, George, Dylan, Millie  
Yr 5 - Luca, Taylor, Lucas  
Yr 4 - Scarlett, Daniel, Katie  
Yr 3 - Ollie, Zachary, David  
Yr 2 - Sophie, Eva, Neve  
Yr 1 - Sofia, Jack, Zac



## Our New Raising Hope Foundation Ambassadors 2018

Yr 6 - Finley, Sam, Lily, Sommer  
Yr 5 - Grace, Logan, Taeg  
Yr 4 - Ruby, Teagan, Noa  
Yr 4 - Phoebe, Anabella, Darcy  
Yr 3 - Lucas, Logan, Marissa  
Yr 2 - Joe, Sebastian, Harry

