



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 15th October 2018

A message from Mr Applegate

Half-term is coming- what a busy seven weeks it has been!

Don't forget, there are 2 online tasks to complete for all parents:

1. Book a parents' evening slot.
2. Book Christmas tickets for the performances.

To find out how to do these, **please go to our website** and look for the links below.



Book Christmas Performances Here

I would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank all of our staff, who are working incredibly hard for your children. There has been a lot to do since September, and we are continually working to strengthen all that we offer.

Our governors have been busy too. We welcome Mr Milligan as our new Chair of Governors, and Mr Simmonds as Vice Chair. Mr Robbins and Mrs Bull are stepping down from these roles, but thankfully continuing on our governing body. We are so grateful for all that they have given, and continue to give.

Have a great week 😊

Mr Applegate.

Community Centre Parking

Please note that due to the Fireworks Extravaganza at the Community Centre on Saturday 3rd November, there will be very limited parking on Friday 2nd November.

If possible please walk to and from school with your children that day to ease congestion.

If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please contact the Community Centre.

Change to Menu

Please note there is a change to the red option on Thursday 18th October. It is now Fish Fingers and not Chicken with diced potatoes and vegetables.

Tom Hewson, Athlete

We are very pleased to announce that Tom Hewson, from the English Schools' Athletics Association, will be joining us this afternoon.

Tom competes in the Javelin and will be speaking to some of the children about sport and will also participate in the Golden Mile. We are delighted to be welcoming Tom to our school, and hope he inspires us further!



- Year R – Elsa, Isabelle Ru, Thomasz
- Year 1 – Aimee, Isabelle, Harry S
- Year 2 – Alexis, Zion, Emilia
- Year 3 – Oscar, Ethan, David
- Year 4 – Nicky, Ava S, Pippa
- Year 5 – Mia, Abbigail, Josh D
- Year 6 – George G, Grace S, Layla, Bella

Head Lice

There have been more instances of head lice being reported in school. Please check your children and treat if necessary.

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

29th Oct – Y6 Residential Week
 7th Nov, 6pm – Y5 Residential Meeting
 12th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
 16th Nov – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme
 19th Nov – Road Safety Week
 21st, 26th, 28th Nov – Parents' Evenings
 20th December – Christmas Lunch

Spring Term

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

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

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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

FOSM



2nd Nov- Bags to School
 16th Nov- Non Uniform Day
 1st Dec – FOSM Christmas Fayre
 8th Feb – FOSM School Disco
 8th March – Cake Sale
 30th March Easter Egg Hunt (11am – 12pm)
 17th May FOSM Summer Disco
 21st June – Non Uniform Day
 29th June- Summer Fun Day

Parents' Evening

Online booking will open from 8am Monday 15th October. They will take place on the following dates:

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

See website for full details.

Bags to School

If you have any unwanted clothes, please bag them up and bring them into school on Friday 2nd November. All proceeds will benefit the school. **Please do not bring any items in before this date, as we are unable to store them.**
 Thank you.

Arriving Late to School

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment, such as medical or school visit, please could you order their school dinner by 9.30 that morning. This is to ensure we are able to place the order in time with the school kitchen.

Something to think about

the culture around
 a child influences
 the culture within
 a child

Rotary Shoebox Scheme



If you would like to take part, please can we ask that all shoeboxes are brought into the school office on **Tuesday 30th October before the end of the school day** (and not before due to lack of storage space)!

Thank you for your support with this scheme.

Packed Lunches

Could we please remind you that we are a nut free school, as we have a number of children with a nut allergy.

Please ensure you do not put any items with nuts in your child's lunchbox. This includes anything that has Nutella too.

Thank you

Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st 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. Wednesday 17th October 10:30am
2. Wednesday 7th November 10:30am
3. Tuesday 13th November 2pm
4. Wednesday 14th November 7pm
5. Thursday 22nd November 10:30am

School Photographs, have you purchased yours?

If you haven't purchased your school photographs it's not too late! Please visit www.snappersphotography.co.uk with the details given on your card to view your personal gallery.

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

Road Safety Special

Please keep us safe!
Respect our local residents and
obey the laws of the road.



At St Mark's, we want our local roads to be places of safety. Our four elected JRSOs will be running a range of events to help us keep safe on the roads. Look out for more coming soon!

 **Road Safety Week**
19-25 November 2018



Why not park at a distance and walk in? If you need to drive, park safely!

Thank you.

