



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### A message from Mr Applegate

Life is always busy, especially around this time of year. There are lots of events at both home and school as we think about fireworks, Remembrance Day, the variety of Christmas events, parents' evenings and more. Can I encourage you to take an extra close look at the dates in the newsletter this week, so as not to miss anything?!

A huge thank you to our team of adults who helped make the Year 6 residential so successful last week. And our pupils were brilliantly behaved, of course.

We have an exciting meeting on Wednesday with a contractor who will hopefully help us out with the tarmac needed outside Year 4 and 5. We are grateful for Mrs Mullen, who is working hard on this project.

In the coming weeks, we have a few non-uniform days. 16<sup>th</sup> November is for FOSM, and jointly with Children In Need. The 23<sup>rd</sup> of November is Be Bright, Be Seen day, where children can wear bright clothes to 'highlight' the darker days and need to be seen by others when walking or cycling. Please don't purchase any new clothes for these days though. If you would like to bring in a few coins to give to Children In Need, that would be great.

Finally, we look forward to commemorating Remembrance Day on Friday. The children will be taking part in different activities to learn about the sacrifices made by brave men and women to bring peace to our country. *Lest we forget.*

Have a great week ☺ Mr Applegate

### Poppy Appeal



Poppies will be on sale at school this week. The Year 6 children will take them round to classes in the afternoons. We also have a limited selection of erasers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers and reflector poppies that will be available from the school office at morning break. Suggested donations for these items is between 50p and £1

### Colder Weather

As the weather is turning colder, could we please remind all parents to ensure their child comes to school with a coat each day. They may also bring in hats, scarves and gloves if they want to. Thank you

### Road Safety

A message from our Junior Road Safety Officers:

Now that the clocks have changed, it is getting darker earlier and days are gloomier. Always make sure you wear bright clothes when you are walking and cycling anywhere.

**BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN!**



- Year R – Keya, Marley, Luke
- Year 1 – Arthur, Alfie, Max A
- Year 2 – Isabella, Trinity, Eleanor
- Year 3 – Travis, Isaac, Joseph H
- Year 4 – Izzy, Bradley, Harrison
- Year 5 – James, Emilie, Taylor

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





# *Christmas at St Mark's C of E Primary School 2018*



**Christmas Lunch**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December



**Year R Nativity**



Performances on:  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am



**Year 1 and 2 performance**



Performances on:  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm



**Years 3, 4 and Choir  
Carol Concert**



Performances on:  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



**Years 5, 6 and  
Choir Carol Concert**



Performances on:  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*To attend a performance you will need to have a free ticket.*

Please see our website for more information!  
Book by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November! Look for this logo →

**Book Christmas  
Performances Here**



# Dates for your diary....

## Autumn Term

7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6pm – Y5 Residential Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Road Safety Week  
21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evenings  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

## 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

## INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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

## FOSM



16<sup>th</sup> Nov- Non Uniform Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec – FOSM Christmas Fayre  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – FOSM School Disco  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Cake Sale  
30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt (11am – 12pm)  
3<sup>rd</sup> May FOSM Summer Disco  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Non Uniform Day  
29<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fun Day

## Flu Vaccine

The School Nurse will be coming into school mid-January to carry out the flu vaccination for years R – 5.

## Parents' Evening

Online booking is now open. 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.

## A Special Thank You

A huge thank you to the Merritt family for a donation of stationary items recently. We're always grateful for school items. Thank you!

## NON UNIFORM DAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Please note we are holding a Non Uniform Day in aid of the FOSM Christmas Fayre

If you could please donate items for the Tombola, it would be greatly appreciated. Items may include:

### **Chocolates**

### **Anything in a bottle**

**Hamper goodies, such as biscuits, crackers, jams, pickles, wine, smellies and any small children's items**

As this day also coincides with **Children In Need**, please feel free to come to school in any Pudsey attire. **We will also have buckets on the school gates, should you wish to donate to this great cause.**

Something to think about



### **Christmas Performance Tickets**

Thank you to all that have requested tickets for our Christmas performances.  
The booking forms are now closed, please do bear with us while we start the process of allocating tickets, it's a massive job!

We are hoping to get the Year R tickets out to parents by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November and the rest of the tickets in stages before the end of November.

Thank you for your patience!

### **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 on the remaining tours.

1. Wednesday 7th November 10:30am - **Full**
2. Tuesday 13th November 2pm - **Full**
3. Wednesday 14th November 7pm
4. Thursday 22nd November 10:30am