

### St Mark's CofE Primary School

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News Update - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### A message from Mr Applegate

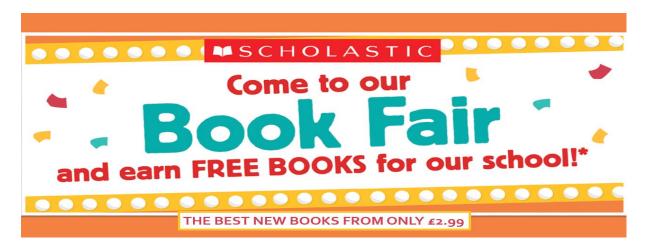
We had a very special week, remembering the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1. This culminated in our Remembrance Worship on Friday, where we welcomed a lieutenant from the British army. He shared with us what it's like being a soldier, and the sacrifices that are made today. Our children were impeccably behaved, listened carefully, and asked excellent questions. They were very respectful throughout, and I was particularly proud of our Year R pupils who managed so well in a longer assembly time. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, several staff witnessed Ollie and Ruby from 3CB lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Basingstoke. We were proud to play our part of this important commemoration. Photos can be seen on the website.

This week, we celebrate Friendship week- a chance to understand what good friends say and do. We want our pupils to have good friends, and to be good friends to others.

I'm pleased to hear from some local residents that the parking situation is showing some improvement, so thank you everyone.

Have a great week © Mr Applegate

# The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to St Mark's!



This week, from Wednesday 14/11/18 to Friday 16/11/18 the Book Fair will be visiting school. Children will be able to peruse and purchase books at lunchtimes and after school.

This term, there's a competition to win a £5 book voucher for the best designed book mark. Be creative, take a risk and enter! Details and a card template were sent home with the children last week.

Remember that every book bought at the fair goes towards providing valuable free books to enhance the reading resources at our school.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the book fair.

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**

12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friendship Week 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Road Safety Week 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Be Bright, Be Seen Non **Uniform Day** 21st, 26th, 28th Nov – Parents' Evenings 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wear Ghana Flag Colours 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

## **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) 3rd May FOSM Summer Disco 21st June - Non Uniform Day 29<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fun Day

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

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Reports out

The School Nurse

### Flu Vaccine

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



Year 1 – George P, Charlotte, Lara, Harvey

Year 2 - Chloe DS, Liam J, Eddie

Year 3 – Daisy S, Isobel, Brody

Year 4 - Alice, Penny, Daniel Hi

Year 5 - Katie, Stanly, Molly H

Year 6 - Poppy, Polly, Freya, Georgia

### **Breakfast Club**

Could we please remind parents that Breakfast Club doors close at 8.25, there will not be any access after this time.

If you arrive after this time, please park in the Community Centre car park and use the main gates to bring your child into school. 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

FRIENDS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU SMILE BRIGHTER, LAUGH LOUDER AND LIVE BETTER.

### **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.

### 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.

### **Immanuel Church Blue Christmas Service**

The Immanuel Church will be holding a reflective service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 for anyone who finds Christmas to be a difficult time of year. This could be for a number of reasons, such as loss of a loved one, work or a broken relationship.

All are welcome, there will be sausage rolls, mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

### Ghanaian Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Re-establishing links with Raising Hope Foundation

You may already be aware that over the last 5 years, St Mark's has had links with a small Christian Charity working with vulnerable children in Ghana.

We are keen to re-establish links with the 'Raising Hope Foundation' and will begin by hosting a 'Ghanaian Day' on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

During the day, children will be learning more about Ghana, the traditional village of Santrokofi and the children living there. We will also be welcoming representatives from the charity to a special worship to find out more about their work and how we can help.

In return for a small contribution to the charity, we are welcoming children and staff to come dressed in one or all of the colours from the Ghanaian flag - red, yellow, green and black. The class 'RHF Ambassador' will be collecting donations from their classmates during morning registration.

We look forward to sharing you more about our links in the coming weeks and months.

Mrs Mitchell and the team of RHF Ambassadors









### **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