



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 26th November 2018

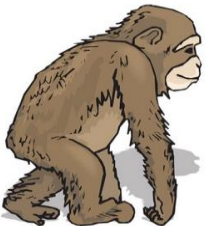
A message from Mr Applegate

The children were very bright on Friday, showing off what it means to 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. Now that the evenings are darker, it's really important to be seen and so reflective items or clothes really do increase safety for children and adults. Thank you to everyone who donated towards safety equipment; our JRSOs will update you soon on what will be purchased. Do ask your children about what it means to *APE*. It's a simple strategy we are using in many year groups to support children's ability to explain their answers to questions more fully. It applies across all subjects, and aims to reduce basic answers or 'just because!' answers to questions. See the APE diagram in this newsletter. You can make use of this by asking your children to 'APE' their answer when you ask them a question!

It's been great to hear several parents say that Boris' High Five (HeartSmart) statements are also helping at home. They really are good principles, and when home and school share a common language, it becomes even more powerful. Visit heartsmartprimary.com to find out more.

Christmas is coming, and the children are gearing up for their various performances and carol concerts. We look forward to celebrating the season together. Finally, don't forget to complete our survey at www.stmarksprimary.net/survey The first class to complete the survey gets a prize! We are genuinely interested in your views. Thank you.

Have a great week. Mr Applegate



A.P.E. Answer it

What is the answer to the question you've been asked? Remember what you've read; don't guess.

Prove it

Choose a quote which helped you answer the question. Remember to use inverted commas around the word(s) or phrase(s) the author used.

Explain it

Why did that quote help you answer the question? Give as much detail as you can.

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Ghanaian Day – Friday 30th 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 30th 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



Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Phoebe in Year 3 who qualified for the British Biathlon Championships, gaining a Bronze medal! A huge achievement, well done!!

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

26th, 28th Nov – Parents' Evenings
30th Nov – Wear Ghana Flag Colours
 14th Dec – Year R National Child Measurement Programme (**Autumn born children**)
 20th Dec – Christmas Lunch
 21st Dec – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

Spring Term

11th Jan – Autumn reports out
 27th Feb, 4th & 6th March – Parents' Evenings
 January - Flu Vaccine Years R-5

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

Monday 7th Jan 2019
 Friday 5th Apr 2019
 Monday 3rd Jun 2019
 (not 1st July)

FOSM



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

Christingle Service



Please note this year's Christingle Service will be held on Sunday
 2nd December at 3pm.
 A wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations!

School Survey

We'd like to invite you to fill in our school survey. First class to complete wins a prize! Thank you
<http://www.stmarksprimary.net/survey>

**Friends of St Mark's
 Christmas Fayre
 Sat 1st Dec
 11am-2pm**



School Cleaner Required

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our cleaning team.

Hours of work are 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Monday to Friday, £8.50 per hour.

Please contact the school office for an application form or email
adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk
 for more information.



Year R – Braden, Sophia, Charlotte
 Year 1 – Jakob, Naia, Freddie
 Year 2 – Amelia, Isla, Isaac
 Year 3 – Bethany, Max, Anabella
 Year 4 – Evie Co, Lyra, Mollie
 Year 5 – Toby C, Zachary, Josh L
 Year 6 – Dexter B, Lillie, Liam, Cian

Something to think
about



~~BE~~ ~~buy~~ presents
~~wrap~~ gifts ~~SOMEONE~~ IN A HUG
~~send~~ gifts PEACE
~~DONATE~~ ~~shop~~ for food
~~BE~~ ~~see~~ the lights

Would your Company sponsor our Dance Team?

This year, St Mark's are putting together a performance to enter J Rock, which is a Nationwide dance competition. We are hoping to get sponsorship from local businesses to help fund costumes and the set for our performance.

We need around £800 overall, but anything that could be donated through sponsorship from companies would be greatly appreciated. In return, the school would be happy to advertise your company throughout our J Rock journey, within newsletter and other events.

Please pass this on to anybody who knows of any companies that may be that may be interested in sponsoring this fantastic opportunity. Thank you.

FOSM TEAM

A note from Janey Merrick, our FOSM Team:

I am a committee member of Friends of St Mark's. At this time of year, I really question my reasons for joining because it is so busy preparing everything for the Christmas Fayre.

Then, I look around at my fellow committee members. Those with children who require additional support at school and in day to day living. Those working full time, part time in one and sometimes two jobs. Those who can't attend every meeting because of childcare, but do so much to enable FOSM events to run.

And then I am inspired. When those parents with so little "spare" time give up that time to raise money for the school and as a result, my child benefits, that is why I continue to volunteer (as well as for my personal wellbeing and being part of a team doing good!). So, thank you team FOSM and for everyone's generosity.

However, we are desperately seeking new members.

If you would like to support FOSM events, or join the FOSM team, please email secretary@friendsofstmarks.org. This will add you to our distribution list, to be informed of details of FOSM events and help needed. Thank you so much.

Staff Goodbyes...and Welcomes

We are sad to see Mrs Wroe and Mrs Daniels leave St Mark's. Mrs Wroe works within the Bridge, helping our pupils to join in class learning and activities. Mrs Daniels has worked at St Mark's for over 16 years in various roles and year groups, and most recently in Year 5. Both Mrs Wroe and Mrs Daniels will be missed by staff and pupils alike, and we wish them all the very best in the future.

We are delighted to welcome Kayleigh Rainbird, Kerry Biggs, Jo Pendsay, Lou Atherton and Emily Bennett who have all joined our Learning Support Assistant Team. We also welcome Mrs Helen Codd who has joined our Lunchtime Team

After-School Clubs not on this week:

Please note the following After-School clubs have been postponed, just for this week:

Netball – Monday
Homework Club – Monday
KS1 Choir - Monday
J Rock Challenge Monday & Thursday (Children will practice during school hours on Wednesday)
Brilliant Board Games Club – Tuesday

Lollypop Man

Please note that Frank, who mans the Danebury Road crossing will be off until the beginning of the New Year.

Parents' Evening

Parents Evenings continue this week. The dates are:

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

Please note as the Music and Drama room is now a classroom, it will no longer be in use for children to wait for their parents.

Please therefore ask your child to take a seat outside their classroom. 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!

**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**
Wildlife Trust



Stick Man Adventure

Monday 31st December 2018

Have fun creating a stickman of your own and enjoy a winter walk and story with our experienced and enthusiastic outdoor learning tutor.

Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Please ensure you wrap up warmly.

Please email for further information. Booking by Friday 21st December is essential..

Time: 10am – 12noon

Booking: outreach@hiwwt.org.uk

Location: St Marks Meadow

Meeting point: St Marks Meadow is at the Junction of Woodbury and Danebury Road, Hatch Warren in front of St Marks C of E School at RG22 4US.

Event charge: £6.50 per child

Charity No. 201081. Registered Company No. 676313.

www.hiwwt.org.uk

Protecting **wildlife**, inspiring **people**

WE HAVE OVER 35 VENUES ACROSS BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, LONDON AND SURREY.

CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITY

Your child can choose between our multi-activity Club Energy programme or our Soccer School - both affordable, age appropriate and full of fun, so keep reading to find out more!

Our Winter programmes are packed with themed seasonal speciality games and activities. Children can get hands on with creative arts and crafts and engaged in exciting winter team games!

CLUB ENERGY



SOCCER SCHOOLS



Perfect for football fanatics - Delivered by our FA qualified coaches, children pick up the silky skills of their footballing idols, through a varied soccer school programme.

AGE GROUPS

Whether your child picks Soccer School or Club Energy they will be grouped with children of a similar age to make sure your child gets the most out of their time with us.

4-5 YEAR OLD "FUN FINDERS"



Our youngest children are fully supported whilst they settle into their new and exciting environment!

- Freedom to explore their imaginations and creativity
- Encouraged to develop social skills and build new friendships
- Engaged and entertained through exciting games and activities

6-8 YEAR OLD "EAGER EXPLORERS"



Our team of Child Carers and Sports Coaches will offer your Eager Explorers plenty of opportunities to express themselves!

- Active sessions provide fun and excitement, as well as great exercise
- Games and activities designed to promote teamwork and communication
- Chance to make new friends

9-12 YEAR OLD "STAR SQUAD"



For our oldest children, the Star Squad programme has been adapted to help engage and challenge!

- Games and sessions promote decision making and independence
- Group activities encourage team cohesion and democracy
- Develop leadership skills through children-led activities

CALL OR BOOK ONLINE

0345 644 5747 - wearescl.co.uk/holiday-clubs



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



Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December



Year R Nativity



Performances on:
Tuesday 4th December at 10am
Wednesday 5th December at 10am



Year 1 and 2 performance



Performances on:
Monday 10th December at 10am
Tuesday 11th December at 10am
Wednesday 12th December at 2pm



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



Performances on:
Thursday 13th December at 2pm
Monday 17th December at 7pm
Tuesday 18th December 2pm



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



Performances on:
Friday 14th December at 2pm
Monday 17th December at 2pm
Tuesday 18th December 7pm



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*To attend a performance you will need to have a free ticket.
Please contact the school office to request tickets!*