



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

### A message from Mr Applegate

We had a fantastic FOSM Christmas Fayre on Saturday! I know you will join me in saying a huge thank you to our FOSM team who put so much time and effort into the plans and preparations for the day, and of course on the day itself. They simply are amazing. And thank you for the money you have given towards our school- we're still counting how much was raised and will let you know asap. The choir were delightful, the brass band were brilliant, and Mrs Clause added charm to the occasion. And we were particularly pleased to have Father Christmas join us for yet another year. Thank you everyone.

Friday was also our colourful re-launch day for Raising Hope Foundation, the charity we support in Ghana. We have been learning about the country and the charity, and look forward to supporting them more in the future. A key part of the link is to learn that whilst there are differences between our countries and cultures, we have so much in common. At our Christmas performances, we'll be taking donations for RHF- any money given will go to support the building project and education there.

Finally, if you would like to wear something Christmassy on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, please do!

Have a great week ☺ Mr A.

### Be Bright, Be Seen Day

The JRSOs would like to say an **enormous** thank you for your support for our recent Be Bright Be Seen Day. Your generous donations have raised just short of £350!

We are excited about getting some new road safety resources in school.

**THANK YOU!**

### Road Safety

A message from our Junior Road Safety Officers:

Make sure you are concentrating when you are crossing the road.

Always take out your headphones and keep electronic devices in your pocket.

**DISTRACTIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS**

### School Survey

A huge thank you to those who have completed our online survey. We had 278 responses, and will share the results in due course!



Year R – Lucien, Jaiden, Jacob

Year 1 – Ashdon, Zoe, Elizabeth

Year 2 – Ava, Sophie B, Benjamin

Year 3 – Benjamin M, Connie, Nathan

Year 4 – Sophie B, Oscar P-E, Leland

Year 5 – Lexie, Jacob, Amber

Year 6 – James C, Kunwa, Grace F Alanna

### Change to Menu

Please note there is a change to the menu on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The red option will now be Roast Chicken instead of Roast Pork.

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



## Ghanaian Day



The Ghanaian day we held on Friday was a huge success! The children looked fantastic dressed in the bright colours from the Ghanaian flag and were really enthused learning about the country of Ghana and the traditional village of Santrokofi - life is really quite different there!

We were fortunate to be able to invite representatives from the small Christian charity the 'Raising Hope Foundation' to learn more about the work they do, how we have supported them in the past and their futures plans.

We will be in touch in the coming months about how we would like support their future projects.

In our RHF Ambassador meeting this week we will be counting the kind donations children bought in. We will let you know in the next newsletter how much we raised.

As you enjoy this festive period in school we ask you remember those that are not as fortunate. Therefore, at the beginning of each of our Christmas Performances this year you will be able to find out more about the village of Santrokofi and what life is like for the children that live there.

There will be a collection for the 'Raising Hope Foundation' at the end of each performance - every penny we raise goes directly to support the children of Santrokofi.

Merry Christmas

The RHF Ambassadors



# Dates for your diary....

## Autumn Term

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year R National Child Measurement Programme (**Autumn born children**)  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

## Spring Term

11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Autumn reports out  
January - Flu Vaccine Years R-5  
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 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> July)

## FOSM



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

## 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!**

## Lollypop Man

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

## 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.

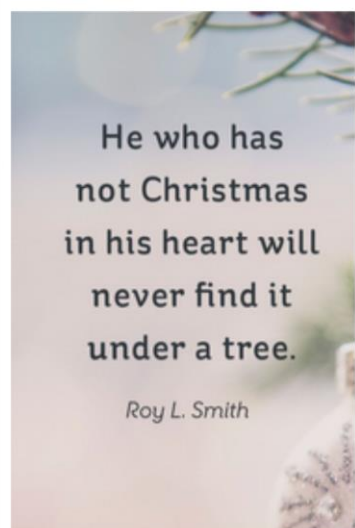
Please contact the school office for an application form or email [adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk) for more information.

## Flu Vaccine Years R - 5

A letter will be sent home this week regarding the Flu Vaccine to be administered mid- January. Please note you **must** return the form If you wish your child to be vaccinated. If you do not return the form, your child will **not** be included in the programme.

Please return the forms to the School Office no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, as the School Nurse will be collecting them on this date. Any forms returned after this date will not be included in the vaccination programme.

Something to think about





### 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.

### Lost Property

This little Giraffe was found on one of the school pathways, a few days ago. If you know anyone who is missing it, please let the school office know.



### Lost Property

We have acquired a lot of jumpers, coats and hats! Please do take a few minutes to look at the wooden chest in the main reception to see if you have lost anything! Thank you.

### Year R News

A technical hitch has meant that Year R parents haven't always been receiving the weekly newsletter from the school via email. This has now been fixed, and should be starting afresh from today.

# Living Nativity

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 4-6pm

A living nativity with actors, real animals and traditional carols led by the wonderful Salvation Army Band.

Kids can come dressed as nativity characters and join in the action with a prize for the best costume! Entirely free event with hot food, hot chocolate and a small gift for each child, held in the church grounds.

**BASINGSTOKE**  
baptist church



# *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 contact the school office to request tickets!*