



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 17th December 2018

A message from Mr Applegate

I'm sure, like me, you have thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas performances and carol services. The singing, the readings, the performing – all absolutely outstanding. I look forward with anticipation to the final carol concerts this week. It's so great to take time out of the hustle and bustle of Christmas to remember why it is such a special time.

At the end of December, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Carter, our much loved site manager. He has worked at the school since it was built, and knows every nook and cranny in the school. Early retirement will be quite a change for Mr Carter, but he is looking forward to enjoying his own hobbies at his choosing. We are grateful for all that he has given over the years, and wish him all the very best in his new ventures. We are also pleased to announce that Mr Blake will become our new Site Manager as from January.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. I hope that you are able to enjoy the break, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mr Applegate ☺

A message from Mr Carter

Dear Parents - past and present!

After over 22 years of cleaning up flooded toilets, repainting walls and fixing broken things that "just happened", I am taking an early retirement. I have been looking after St Mark's Primary School since the first day it opened, and think I deserve a rest!

22 years may seem like a lifetime to some, but it has been a lifetime worth living. Being at St Mark's has been the happiest time of my life. I have made friends with hundreds of great children and the smiles and respect that I get from them has made my time here so enjoyable. I have had many jobs in the past that I felt proud of, but none can compare with what I feel about St Mark's.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been part of your children's lives for so long, and if I have helped them in any way, then it has all been worthwhile. I will surely miss seeing the children and staff and I wish St Marks' all the best for the future.

Mr Carter ☺



Year R – Finley, Matilda, Thea
Year 1 – Imogen, Noah, Renee
Year 2 – Alastair, Sam, Jessica
Year 3 – James, Ruby, Hollie
Year 4 – Megan, Hannah, Mira
Year 5 – Bhaswati, Aidan, James F
Year 6 – Chloe, Imogen T, Tilly, Matthew

After School Clubs

Just a reminder, there are no After-School Clubs running this week.

Details on how to apply for clubs due to start in January have been emailed home today.

Please ensure you apply by **Friday 21st December**.

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

20th Dec – Christmas Lunch
21st Dec – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

Spring Term

11th Jan – Autumn reports out
Mid-January - Flu Vaccine Years R-5
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

FOSM



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

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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

Lost Property

We have acquired lots of lost property! Please do take a few minutes to look at the wooden chest in the office area to see if you have lost anything! Anything that isn't named or claimed by **Thursday 20th December** will be disposed of.

Outstanding Debts!

Please ensure that any money owing for school dinners or breakfast club are paid by the end of this week.

Something to think about

“ Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give. ”

– Unknown

Christmas Performances – update A few reminders for upcoming performances:

Please park with consideration to other road users and our neighbours, allow plenty of time to find a parking space!

No ticket = No performance

For all performances, young children and babies can be on an adult's lap in the performance.

Older siblings will require a seat (and their own ticket)

At the end of each performance, we'll be taking donations for the "Raising Hope Foundation".

If you have tickets for the Y5 & Y6 performance on 18th December that you no longer require, we would be grateful if you would return them to the school office as we have a waiting list for this performance.

Poppy Appeal



The Poppy Appeal have asked us to pass on their thanks for the amount raised by the children at St Mark's. We managed to raise an amazing £367.28. Thank you all for your generosity towards this great cause.

School Lunch 17th December 2018

There was a malfunction with one of the freezers in the school kitchen over the weekend, which resulted in all of food stored in there being disposed of.

As a result, there was a change to today's menu. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Christmas – Class Parties

We have an exciting opportunity to wear party clothes/Christmas jumpers/Christmassy clothes on **Thursday 20th December** for Christmas Lunch and class parties in the afternoon. This will be our Christmas Non Uniform Day. There is no pressure or expectation to buy a jumper though!

Your child will soon be coming home with a certificate showing how well they are developing into a 'St Mark's Learner'. We are so proud of our pupils, and each of our awards show many positive attributes. Our new Platinum award is only used in exceptional circumstances, but that is not to the disadvantage of Gold, which is still extremely good. These are not tied to the number of Recognition Points gained this term, but are much more of an overall picture of the learning behaviours and values that your child demonstrates.

Platinum Learner

Demonstrates exemplary behaviour at all times
Always demonstrates our learning behaviours, including risk taking as well as our Christian values
Excels in their work, and always strives to improve
Is HeartSmart towards themselves and others
Makes independent decisions, and supports others to become independent
Is polite, kind and thoughtful at all times, being an excellent role-model to others
Always goes above and beyond in a range of situations



Gold Learner

Demonstrates great behaviour
Shows all of the learning behaviours and Christian values
Excels in their work
Is HeartSmart
Makes independent decisions
Shows themselves to be polite, kind and thoughtful, and supportive of others
Regularly goes above and beyond in a range of situations



Which type of St Mark's Learner do you strive to be?



Bronze Learner

Demonstrates good behaviour
Shows some of our learning behaviours and Christian values
Generally works well in class
Develops their ability to be HeartSmart
Makes some independent decisions
Is polite, kind and thoughtful



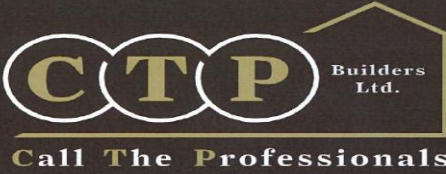
Silver Learner

Demonstrates great behaviour
Shows many of our learning behaviours and Christian values
Achieves well in their work
Is HeartSmart
Usually makes independent decisions
Shows themselves to be polite, kind and thoughtful
At times, goes above and beyond in situations.



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Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas post box is still open for children to post their Christmas cards to each other. It is situated outside the main hall.

Please ensure the child's name and class is written on the envelope so it can be delivered to the correct child!



Last day for posting is **Wednesday 19th December.**





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

Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December

Years 3, 4 and Choir
Carol Concert

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

Years 5, 6 and
Choir Carol Concert

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*To attend a performance you will need to have a free ticket.
We do not currently have any spare tickets for evening performances.*