



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Tuesday 15th January 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Careers Fair – We are excited to be running our first KS2 careers fair at St Mark's! We need your help - could you, or someone you know, help run a stand? See page 2 for more information. Thank you.

Spring Census – Thursday 17th January

St Mark's is given funding based on the number of Key Stage 1 lunches that we serve on two particular days in the year. The more hot dinners we serve on these days, the more money we get from the government for the year. Could we kindly ask that your child has the school lunch **this Thursday** if possible? With a school our size, this can result in an extra few thousand pounds! Thank you.

We had a great start to the week – the children seemed rested from the Christmas break, and we are raring to get back to school.

Finally, our Autumn learning updates and progress reports are coming out this week, too.

Have a great week! Mr Applegate ☺

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Ford from maternity leave. Mrs Ford is one of our two Assistant Head Teachers. Do say hello if you see her!

We're also pleased to welcome Mr Lovegrove to our Bridge provision.

A note from our new site manager, Mr Blake

Dear parents, I am delighted to take up the post of Site Manager here at St Mark's. I am an experienced site manager, and look forward to working with the children, staff, governors, parents and FOSM to continue improving the school environment.

If you see me around, please do say hello. If you cannot catch me at school and would like to discuss anything with me, please ring the school and leave a message and I will call you back.

I look forward to meeting you and your families in the near future.

Mr Blake.

Well done to....



- Year R – Reece, Mia, Daniel
- Year 1 – Ella, Owen, Taya
- Year 2 – Rosie, Harry A Liam M
- Year 3 - Toby, Phoebe, Stanley
- Year 4 – Oliver N, Sophie W, Edward M
- Year 5 – Jack B, Jake, Sebastian D
- Year 6 – Lily S, Aidan, Emma, Ella W



FOSM SCHOOL DISCO



We are looking for volunteers to help run the disco. If you can help with KS1 from 4.45 or KS2 from 5.45, or both, please email

secretary@friendsofstmarks.org

Your help enables these events to happen, lets the children have fun and raises funds for our school! Your help enables these events to happen, let the children have fun and raise funds for our children at St Mark's.

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





We're excited to be running the first ever St Mark's Careers Fair!

This term, we are thinking about aspirations. We are putting on the fair because we want our children to:

- be inspired by what people do in both business and charity work
- become aware of the range of jobs available in life, including running your own business or working for companies and organisations
- begin to think about what they might like to do
- see how what we do in school prepares them for later on in life



What will it look like?

During the mornings of **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February**, our hall will be transformed into a careers fair. The KS2 children will be visiting the different stands, talking to the adults from the various business and organisations on show. Parents are welcome to tour the stands with their children (time slots will be announced soon, but it will be no later than 11:30am). Some stands will have practical demonstrations and even freebies!

Leading up to the careers fair, children will be thinking about the world of work. The careers fair will then be a great opportunity to liaise with adults in the world of work. The careers fair is for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

We need your help!

Would your business or organisation be able to run a stand on either or both of the days of the career fair?

Perhaps you work for a large or small company, run a business, work in the private or public sector, or are retired from a profession. Perhaps it's a charity or NGO. We would love for you to run a stall at our fair. We will supply a table and chairs, and electric points can be made available for a laptop or equipment. You are able to bring vertical banners, hands-on activities, leaflets and freebies, and can have one or more adults to help run the stall. We'll even provide refreshments. Remember, the purpose is to inspire pupils and engage with them in thinking about their aspirations.

To find out more, visit stmarksprimary.net/cf

To register to help, visit
stmarksprimary.net/help-at-cf





Dates for your diary....

Spring Term

January – Autumn reports out
 17th Jan - Year R National Child Measurement Programme (**Autumn Born Children**)
 13th & 14th Feb – KS2 Careers Fair
 27th Feb, 4th & 6th March – Parents' Evenings

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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

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

KS2 Fruit

Please note if you have a child in KS2, we cannot always guarantee that fruit will be available for a morning snack. Please pack some fruit for your child to enjoy at morning break.

Water Bottle Holders

We now have stock of water bottle holders, priced at £2.50.

Something to think about

Life is enriched by aspiration and effort, rather than by acquisition and accumulation

Helen and Scott Nearing
 PICTUREQUOTES.COM

Cycling Safely!

A message from our Junior Road Safety Officers:

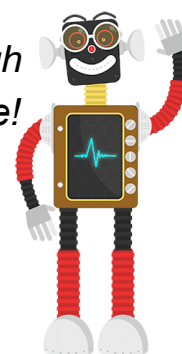
When you are out cycling this January, make sure you wear your helmet. If you are cycling in the dark, make sure you have a light on your bike too.

Our theme for this half-term is 'aspirations'.

We're thinking about our school Christian value of Hope.
 We're focussing on our learning behaviours of Resilience and creativity.
 Boris is reminding us that No way through isn't true!



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Raising Hope Foundation



Fundraising Update:

The money you so kindly donated at the Christmas Performances and the Ghanaian Day last term has been taken to the bank and counted.

The RHF Ambassadors are now proud to announce that this fundraising totalled a massive:



£1,698.33



On behalf of the Raising Hope Foundation we would like to thank each and every one of you. Together we can make a real difference to the lives of children less fortunate than us.

Ghanaian Trip:

Kay Mason from Immanuel Church has been keen to support our link with the Raising Hope Foundation along with her congregation.

On Friday this week (18th January) Kay will be making the 3,000 mile trip to Ghana to meet and work with some of the children the charity supports!

She is allowed several suitcases to take out supplies and still has some space for small donations to hand out to the children.

If you would like to make a small donation there will be a box at the school office for Kay to pick up on Thursday 17th January.

Items she is looking to fill the space with are:



Toothbrushes



Children's summer footwear
(that would otherwise be being donated to the charity shop)



We join you in wishing Kay a safe and happy trip. We look forward to welcoming you back to hear all about your adventures!

