



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### A message from Mr Applegate

It was great to have some Year 2 pupils be hosts to 'Golden Years', a group of senior citizens from Immanuel. They had tea and biscuits together, followed by a tour of the school. See Y2 section of website for more info! We believe that all generations are important to the healthy development of children. If you know an older person who would like to get involved at school, please let us know.

Well done to our Hockey team, who performed really well last week. See the report online, including photos.

### Could you be our next parent governor?

Do you have an interest in education? Are you wanting our school to become even better? Then why not become a parent governor?!

Being a parent governor involves...

...meeting with other governors, staff and pupils, and representing parents.

...asking questions, working with others, and making decisions.

...visiting our school both during the day and in the evenings.

We are particularly interested in finding a parent governor who also has skills in finance and business.

Contact the school if you would like to find out more, or speak to Mr Applegate.

Thank you!

### School Car Park

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January a parent's car was bumped into, causing damage. Could we remind all parents using the car park to be careful of other cars, especially when it is busy at the beginning and end of the school day and collecting from after-school clubs.

We are also having a number of parents using the car park without permission. If you do not have authority from Mr Applegate, could you please ensure you use the Community Centre car park, or park along Danebury road.

We have noticed some parents "tail gating" to access the car park; please refrain from doing this.

When the car park is over-crowded, it can be dangerous and the safety of the children is our main priority.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### Well Done to...



Year R – Jack W, Emily, Liam

Year 1 – Harry C, Zane, Leo

Year 2 – Neve, Zach, AJ

Year 3 – Adam, Benjamin, Charlie A

Year 4 – Andrew, Scarlett B, Lyra

Year 5 – Amalie, Daniel T, Summer G

Year 6 – Emily, James B, Nicole Imogen (6D)

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





## Dates for your diary....

### Spring Term

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – KS2 Careers Fair  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr R Weight & Measure programme – Summer born children  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings  
1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum  
7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 6.30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm

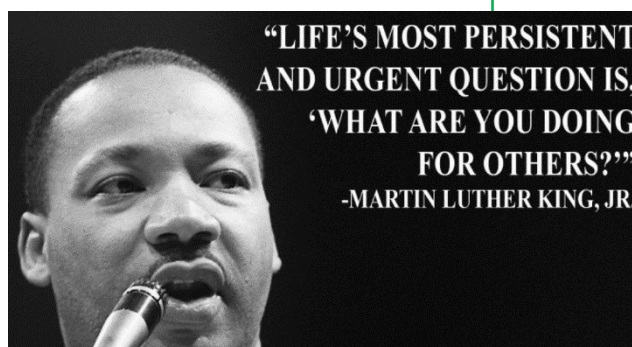
### INSET DAYS 2018 2019

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Day  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Reports out

### Something to think about



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

### Year 3 & 4 Easter Production Tickets

Don't forget to request your tickets at  
[www.stmarksprimary.net/easterperformance](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/easterperformance)  
The booking system will close at 9.00am on Friday and tickets will be allocated and sent home by the beginning of March.

### Girls Headbands

We have noticed a variety of headbands being worn at school.  
Could we please ask that you buy your child just plain or patterned headbands, no large bows, unicorns or cats ears, as the points on them can be dangerous.  
Thank you

### Easter Activities at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Basingstoke Discovery Centre are running a number of different activities for children of all ages over the Easter holidays.

Please visit  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=351>  
for further details.

### Head Lice

There have been more instances of head lice being reported in school. Please check your children and treat if necessary.  
Thank you

### Unwanted School Trousers

If you have any school trousers you no longer require for boys aged 3,4,5,6 & 7 or girls, 3,4,5 & 6; could you please bring them into Mrs Tickle in Reception.  
Thank you.



If parents would like to attend the careers fair with your child, then these are the session times:

	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb
9am – 9:40am	6C, 6G, 6D	5F, 5GP
9:40am – 10:20am	6P, 4EH	5T, 3CB
10:20am – 11:15am	4SH, 4T	3B, 3WG

To find out more, visit [stmarksprimary.net/cf](http://stmarksprimary.net/cf)  
To register to help, visit [stmarksprimary.net/help-at-cf](http://stmarksprimary.net/help-at-cf)



*Some are only available Weds or Thurs*

# Parents' Evening Booking Instructions

The on-line booking system for parents evening will open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 8am. It closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3pm.

Please see the instructions for booking. There is a booking wizard which you may find useful if you have more than one child at the school. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm-6.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm-7.00pm

A yellow sticky note with the handwritten text "Don't forget parents' evening!" in black ink. The note is slightly tilted and has a soft shadow.

See previous newsletters for booking instructions - [stmarksprimary.net/letters](http://stmarksprimary.net/letters)

## Closure of the car park at Hatch Warren Community Centre?

Unfortunately - and scarily - we've been told of more difficulties regarding parking in this car park. A bronze Honda vehicle nearly caused an accident with a child, and also drove through the wrong way instead of using the one-way system. Another black Audi parks unhelpfully at the top of the speed bump as you enter the car park, causing obstructing and difficulties for others.

If parking (and more importantly, safety) does not improve, the community centre may have no choice but to close the carpark. This would be a real shame for all parents. Please can all who use the facility be mindful of each another- especially our children. Thank you.

## Hello & Goodbye

We welcome Mr Lawrence and Miss Saunders who have joined our team this week!  
We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs White and Mrs Bambridge at the end of February. They will both be missed, and we wish them all the best for the future.

As you will know, Frank, our lollipop man that patrols the crossing on Danebury Road has been of ill health recently. Frank has now decided to retire from his position. We would like to thank Frank for all he has done for the school over the years and wish him well on his retirement. The council are deciding on what to do in terms of a replacement.

## Change to Menu

Please note on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February the red option will now be Barbecue Chicken with diced herby potatoes and vegetables, instead of roast chicken.

## Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

The Rotary Club have asked us to pass on their thanks for your generous donations to their Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. They've confirmed that all boxes were delivered successfully to children in the age groups indicated on the individual boxes, but are unable to confirm details of the exact recipients. They look forward to receiving your support once again this Christmas.



Dear Parents and Carers,

### World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March



World Book Day is here again! As a celebration of **World Book Day** we would love all children to **dress up as their favourite book character**. This could be anyone from Harry Potter to Little Red Riding Hood. We can't wait to see your costumes! As part of our World Book Day celebrations, children will think about which St Mark's learning behaviour their chosen character demonstrates the most. They will have the opportunity to share this on a postcard at school to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

In addition to this, we will also be hosting a **Big Booky Book Swap**. We would ask that **children bring in a book that they have finished reading** to swap with another book. Each child who brings in a book will have the opportunity to visit the 'Big Booky Book Swap' and choose a 'new' book to take home and enjoy reading.



Finally, we would like to invite you to join your child(ren) for a **Big Booky Breakfast** in aid of BookAid International. You are warmly invited to join your child in their classroom between 8:30-9:00 to share a book with them as well as a breakfast snack. You may decide to stay together as a family in one classroom, or drop in between several classes where necessary. There will be a voluntary opportunity to donate towards BookAid International.

We can't wait for an exciting day and look forward to seeing **creativity in action** through children's choice of dress up.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Poole & Mrs Tunnicliffe

