



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 25th February 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

I hope you've had a great half-term. Spring is definitely in the air! We look forward to meeting you at our parents' evenings over the next two weeks. Please do take time to browse through your child's work, too- they are making great progress.

We'd be grateful if you could complete our survey at www.stmarksprimary.net/survey. We do value your feedback, and will report back the results.

We also begin our new theme for the half-term. We're thinking about 'well being'; this covers learning about who we are, keeping healthy, being true to who we are (Fake is a mistake!), and how we can manage our feelings when we are sad or anxious. Lots to look forward to! Have a great week.

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.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 26th February. Please note that as we already have multiple parents interested, there will be a parent vote- details coming out soon. Thank you.

Change of 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.

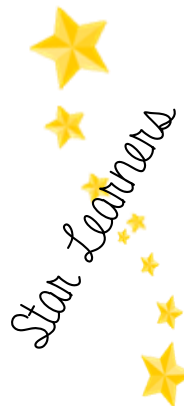
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION WE HOLD IS UP TO DATE!

Year 3 & 4 Easter Production Tickets

Don't forget to request your tickets at 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.

Well Done to...



Year R – Oscar, Jacob, Jasper

Year 1 – Bethany, Gabriella, Kody

Year 2 – Riker, Megan, Thomas

Year 3 – Madison S, Charlie D,

Adam, Gemma

Year 4 – Simone, Ava P, Jonathan

Year 5 – Shayna, Lexie, Daniel H

Year 6 – Sophie B, Aaran, Grace O,

Imogen Mc

See our newsletter for details about our exciting activities for World Book Day – 7th March!

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

27th Feb, 4th & 6th March – Parents' Evenings
 1st March – Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum
 7th March – World Book Day
 29th March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm
 1st April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 6.30 pm
 2nd April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm

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

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

Something to think about



FOSM



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

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.

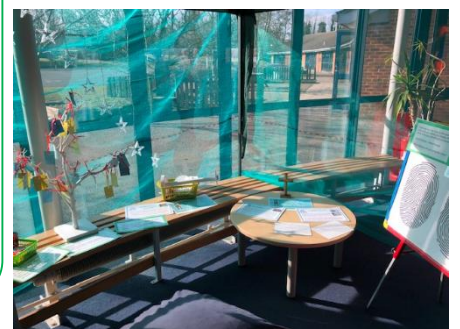
Prayer Space @ St Mark's

Our Worship Theme for this half term is 'Faith and Wellbeing'. As part of this theme, we are very excited to have a Special Prayer Space in school that the children will be invited to use over the next week and a half.



Prayer Spaces are being used in many primary and secondary CoFE schools and are showing great benefits for children both with and without faith. The children view them as safe spaces where they can ask many of life's challenging questions or just have some quiet and reflective time to think about their own lives and those of others.

Please ask your children about the Prayer Space and feel free to visit it yourself when you attend our parents' evenings. It is a temporary space but we would be interested to know what you think and if your children have found it beneficial in anyway. Please feel free to ask us any questions too and be reassured that whilst we know many children will be enthusiastic about using our Prayer Space, if children do not wish to use it then there will be no pressure on them to do so.



J Rock Plea

Can you help?

St Mark's J Rock team are in need of 2 England Football shirts/kits. We need two kits or shirts larger than 9 years old (small adult size would be fine). It doesn't matter what colour or design they are. If you would be able to lend us one of these shirts/kits, please could you send them to school **named** with your child's name and in a plastic bag and give them to Miss Thomas in 5T. We will only be requiring them for a few weeks for our performance on the 9th March.

Thank you
Hannah Thomas

Wildlife Club Volunteer

Our Wildlife Club is looking for a parent volunteer to help with our after-school club.

If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated and will be on a Monday afternoon, 15.30-16.50 up to and including 1st April.

A valid DBS will be required.

Thank you 😊

World Book Day – Thursday 7th 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

