



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 4th March 2019

Steve Milligan - Governor Profile

I have been a parent governor at St Mark's for just under 5 years and I am the current chair of the governing body. I had previously been on the committee at Cuckoo Meadow pre-school and also, prior to moving to Basingstoke, I was a Local Authority (LEA) governor and chair at Alvaston Infant and Nursery school in Derby.



I joined the school governing body to be involved in the running and direction of St Marks and playing an active part in my daughter's education. Within the governing body I also chair the Resources committee and am a Safeguarding governor.

In my day job I work for a pharmaceutical research company and I am involved in digital solutions to inform and recruit people to participate in clinical trials.

Outside of work I enjoy listening to music, regularly attending gigs. I am a Team Leader with Hampshire Search & Rescue (hantsar.org) where we assist the police in locating vulnerable and missing persons.

Staff Goodbyes

Mrs Bambridge, a dedicated LSA of over 15 years, finished at St Mark's last week. A teary goodbye ☹️ We are grateful for all that she has given over the years, and for the lives she has impacted.

Mrs White has been on our admin team for several years. She finishes on Wednesday unfortunately. Her hard work, dedication, happy nature and amazing efficiency will be missed by us all at St Mark's. We wish Mrs Bambridge and Mrs White all the best for the future.

A message from Mr Applegate

Spring is in the air, and it's a busy week ahead!

- ✓ World Book Day on Thursday – see below – join us for **'Big Booky Breakfast'**! We want to enjoy reading together over a croissant and drink!
- ✓ Parents' Evenings Monday and Wednesday – remember to complete our survey at www.stmarksprimary.net/survey. Thank you.
- ✓ FOSM Cake Sale – Friday
- ✓ Come and join in our reflective prayer space tent – lots of lovely activities to do with your child – available in the office area.

Have a great week ☺️

Class Attendance

Well done to classes 1H & 6C who both achieved 100% attendance last week. ☺️

We track school attendance regularly. Being at school, on time, is really important!

A big Thank You to FOSM

St Mark's School Council would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to FSOM committee for raising money for our new table tennis tables. All year groups and teachers are enjoying these at playtimes and lunchtimes.



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





Dates for your diary....



To take part in our non-uniform day, wear anything **red** on Red Nose Day in exchange for a donation to the charity!

Spring Term

4th & 6th March – Parents’ Evenings
7th March – World Book Day
15th March – Red Nose Day
29th March – Miller’s Ark visiting Year R
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

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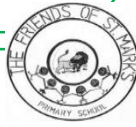
Friday 5th Apr 2019
Monday 3rd Jun 2019
(not 1st July)

Summer Term

26th April – Spring Reports out
26th April – Yr R Summer Children Height/Weight Programme
29th April – Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
13th May – Y6 SATs Week
7th June – Sports Day
14th June – Reserve Sports Day
5th July – Transition Day
12th July – Summer Reports out

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



Something to think about

You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

Well Done to...

Star Learners

Year R – Lucas W, Max, Poppy
Year 2 – Darcy, Harry S, Lucas
Year 3 – Sienna, Callen, Madison
Year 4 – Archie, Emma, Rue
Year 5 – Sam C, Sienna, Grace
Year 6 – Benjamin, Isabella, Mason William



Friends of St Mark's Cake Sale

Friday 8th March 2019
From 3.20 in the Small Hall

Fake is a Mistake!



Pancake Day

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, there will be a change to the pudding on Tuesday 5th March. It will now be pancakes with syrup or ice cream.

There will also be other options available, especially for children with allergies.

School Meetings

We kindly remind you that we do not allow video or voice recordings of meetings in school, including parents' evenings. 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.

After-School Clubs

If your child is not going to attend an after-school club, could you please inform the school office, as well as the class teacher.

This will enable the office staff to update the club register before the end of the school day.

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



The children really enjoyed our Inter-Class Challenge Well done to the winning classes:

		Winners
Year R	Using different gymnastics equipment, the children had to show different ways of safely travelling using a variety of parts of the body and remembering to land safely.	Puffins
Year 1	Had a ping pong challenge where they had one go to hit the ball as many times as they could. The team with the highest number of hits were the winners.	1J
Year 2	Had a Geography challenge. To end their topic they had to answer as many questions correctly about Ghana and the UK. The class with most correct answers won.	2R
Year 3	Completed a netball passing and shooting challenge. The class with most balls in the nets were the winners.	3WG
Year 4	Completed a Golden Mile laps challenge. The children had to run as many times as possible in 10 mins. The class with the most laps were the winners.	4SH
Year 5	Completed a rugby tournament. The classes competed against each other and the winning class had the most tries against the other classes.	5T
Year 6	Took part in a tag rugby tournament – based on rules of the game but also behaviour and attitude as team players.	6P

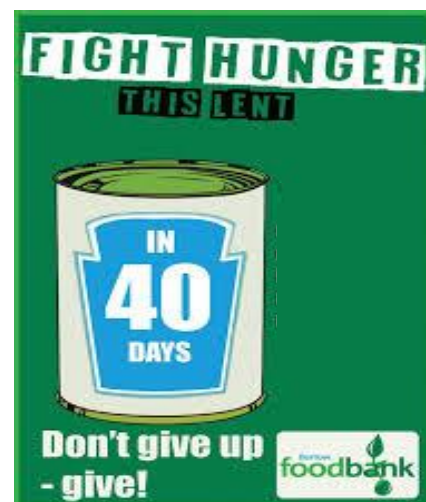
Year 5 parents and carers note - To celebrate the end of our European Adventurers Topic, we will be hosting a European Food Market afternoon where there will be a fun family quiz, including food tasting rounds. This will be held on Thursday 4th April from 2.15pm-3pm. Two adults per child are invited to join us.

Parking - We received a telephone call from a concerned resident in Highwood Ridge. They have informed us parents are parking on the yellow lines, causing an obstruction to cars and making it difficult to see oncoming traffic in the road. Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking on the local roads. Thank you

During Advent, Year 4 took part in a 'reverse advent calendar' where children chose a day to bring an item in to donate to the Basingstoke food bank.

We would like to repeat this giving opportunity for the period of Lent for **all year groups**.

Please find below a calendar mapping our school days and items for donation. If you would like to join in, please choose **one** day on the calendar and bring in a donation on that day. You are welcome to do all 40 days but we aren't expecting that! Collections should be left outside the school hall by the prayer table.



There is no obligation to join in this Lent giving opportunity, however, any donations would be gratefully welcomed. Thank you!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		6th March Tinned meat e.g. ham, mince, corned beef, chicken Please do not send in pies	7th March Tinned tomatoes or other tinned vegetables Baked beans	8th March Tinned spaghetti or ravioli Tinned soup
11th March Cereals - hot or cold	12th March Milk – powdered or UHT Not skimmed please	13th March Fruit juice (UHT)	14th March Savoury biscuits: Oat, crackers, crisp breads	15th March Cooking sauces
18th March Rice Pudding	19th March Custard	20th March Instant Mash	21st March Tinned fruit	22nd March Sweet biscuits:
25th March Sweet spreads: jam, honey, peanut butter	26th March Soap Toilet rolls	27th March Shampoo	28th March Toothpaste and toothbrushes	29th March Dried pasta
3rd April Washing up liquid	4th April Easter Eggs	5th April Easter Eggs	6th April Easter Eggs	7th April Easter Eggs