



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love



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News Update – Monday 11th March 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

We had a fantastic day on Thursday, celebrating the world of books. We started with parents joining children in school for our Bookie Breakfast. A fantastic atmosphere! The children made a fantastic effort with their costumes - very creative. Many classes enjoyed a snippet of a Matilda performance written by our very own Mrs Chapman and Mrs Bridle. Our pupils 'dressed a door' as a book, too - see our website. Other activities included writing a postcard to Mr Applegate about how their favourite book character demonstrates one of our school values or learning behaviours. A busy - but fantastic - day. See our website for photos!

Reminders - Please send in the parent governor ballot by Friday 15th March, and complete our parent survey - www.stmarksprimary.net/survey

Well done to our KS2 hockey team, who played well against other local schools on Thursday.

We had a very positive visit from an external maths advisor on Friday. She was impressed by the way we are strengthening our maths teaching. 15 teachers from other schools will be visiting us before Easter to see our practice.

Finally, good luck to Phoebe in Year 3, who will be representing the school in the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday. Do your best! We're rooting for you 😊

Mr Applegate

Class Attendance

Well done to Parrots, Penguins and 6D who all achieved 100% attendance last week. 😊

Our recent disco raised £740 for FOSM.

Amazing! – Thank you everyone!

Well Done to....



Year R- Thomas H, Lucas A, Anabelle

Year 1 - Zachary R, Toby, Ethan, Jeffrey, Elodie, Lucas

Year 2- Bethany W, Ethan, Elsie

Year 3 – Sophie, Kai, Millie

Year 4- Will, Hannah, Skye

Year 5 –Ruby G, Rhys M, Poppy

Year 6- Miguel, Sammie, Joshua C Sommer-Louise

JRock – What a performance!

Over 70 of our pupils competed in the JRock dance competition at the O2 Guildhall in Southampton on Saturday evening. They were amazing! Families, relatives and staff members turned out to watch the performance entitled 'In Unity There Is Victory'. They took the theme of celebrating different cultures, recognising that we are all similar in a different way. The children had prepared sets, made costumes, and spent hours rehearsing. Whilst we didn't get through to the next round, the children had the whole audience absorbed in their routine, with unanimous praise from the judges. We are so proud of everyone who took part. Particular thanks goes to Miss Thomas and Miss Barnett for being the inspiration behind our event. Thank you for all that you have given over the past 6 months!

Windmill Hill Trip Payment (current Yr5 pupils)

This is just to remind you that payment of the final balance for November's Windmill Hill trip is due by **Friday 28th June.**

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





RND – Friday 15th March - Take part in our non-uniform day and wear anything **red** in exchange for a donation to the charity!
 Also, at break or lunch, your child can get a red nose face painted on for £1, **but you must visit www.stmarksprimary.net/rnd to give permission!** Our eco-committee want to reduce the waste from foam noses and make sure all the money goes to RND 😊



Dates for your diary....

Spring Term

15th March – Red Nose Day
 25th March – Lenten Lunch
 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
 4th April – Year 5 European Food Market 2.15-3pm

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

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



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



Fake is a Mistake!



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.

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.

With so much technology around, it’s a good idea to have restrictions in place so that you are in control of the tech, instead of the tech controlling the child!

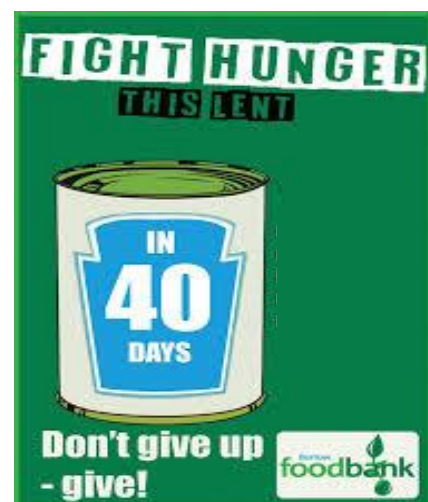
These include home rules (e.g. use tablets in the lounge not bedrooms) but also apps which help to restrict use. A parent recently recommended the app **Mobicip** and said it had been helpful for their family. Do you have a different app which you would recommend? Please let us know. It’s a really important area!

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 |
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| 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 |

Immanuel Church & St. Mark's CofE Primary School - Please join us for a Lenten Lunch

On Monday 25th March 2019 at St. Mark's CofE Primary School from 11.30 to 2.00pm

All donations will go to The "Raising Hope Foundation" in Ghana

Soup, bread and cheese will be served

We would love to see you!



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.

Outstanding Balances

As we near the end of the financial year, please ensure all outstanding balances for dinner money, breakfast club and Spring term music tuition fees are paid in full no later than

Friday 29th March.

Thank you for your cooperation.