



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Tuesday 7th May 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Isn't it great to enjoy several bank holiday weekends recently?! I trust you enjoyed the break.

Your child should have brought home a letter last week about changing the world – particularly answering the question "What's the biggest problem in our world today?" Their task is to design a poster with their answer and possibly some solutions!

I'm really proud of our Year 6 pupils and staff, who have a final week before their SATs next Monday. Their attitude has been amazing. Just do your best! Have a great week. Mr Applegate ☺

Class Attendance

Well done to Puffins, and classes 2B & 6G who all achieved 100% attendance last week.

Well done to....

Year R – Isla, Aaron, Bella

Year 1 – Max B, Olivia, Lewis

Year 2 – Kaleb, James-Dean, Felicity

Year 3 – Daisy C, Cameron, Jessica W

Year 4 – Ayush, Skye, Nevaya

Year 5 – Maddie, Sophie, Anthony

Year 6 – Cian, Sophie R, Dylan, Molly B



GROUND FORCE DAY!



WE NEED

YOU!

St Mark's needs your help!

Saturday 18th May 2019

9am to 12pm and 1:30pm to 4pm

Jobs to do include:

- General tidy up of grounds
- Gardening; cutting back trees and hedges
- Repair and improvements to all areas
- Painting fences and shelters
- Putting felt on Year R outbuildings
- Improving Year R outside activities
- Refreshments provided

Come for as little or as long as you are able. We're holding two sessions- come to one or both! Please can you supply own tools as the school has only a few. Children welcome under supervision of parents.

Thank you so much!!

Just show up! (if you're able to email confirmation, please do to adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk)

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





Dates for your diary....

Summer Term

8th May 4SH to The Gordon Brown Centre
 10th May – Bags to School
 13th May – Y6 SATs Week
 24th May – Year R trip to The Lookout Centre
 7th June – Sports Day
 11th June – Year 2 School Trip to Portsmouth
 14th June – Reserve Sports Day
 28th June – Year 5 Taster Day at Brighton Hill
 5th July – Transition Day
 23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

Mon 3rd Jun 2019

INSET DAYS 2019 2020

Wednesday 4th Sept 2019
(School starts Thurs 5th Sept)

Friday 25th Oct 2019

Monday 6th Jan 2020

Friday 3rd Apr 2020

Monday 1st Jun 2020

Year 6 Dates

20th June – Think Safe Trip

21st June – Leavers' Service Trip to Winchester Cathedral (Children only)

4th & 5th July - Year 6 Basingstoke Schools transition dates

15th July – 2pm Yr 5/6 Play Dress Rehearsal (Children only)

16th July – 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance

17th July – 2pm & 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance

19th July – Leaver's Evening Graduation Party

23rd July – School Leaver's Service at 9.45am (parents' invited)

FOSM

21st June – Non Uniform Day

29th June- Summer Fun Day



Non-Uniform

On 21st June, we'll be holding a non-uniform day in return for donations towards our FOSM summer fun day. However, Y6 have an important event that day and will need to come in their uniform anyway.

Year 5 Brighton Hill Taster Day

It has been confirmed that the Year 5 Taster Day at Brighton Hill is now **Friday 28th June**. This means Year 5 **will** be able to participate in the Non Uniform Day on **Friday 21st June**

Can you help our School Council?

We are currently working on improving playtimes and lunchtimes and we want to make some games. We are looking for anyone who could help provide us with some log slices 30cm wide, with a thickness of about 3 or 4cm.



We need 30 slices. Please let Mrs Boyle or office staff know if you can help. Thank you
Ashton – Year 6, Chair of St Mark's School Council

School Account Balances

Please can we remind parents that payment for school dinners and breakfast club should be made in advance or on the day.

Music tuition invoices for outstanding balances will be sent home this week. We would be grateful if payment is made no later than Monday 3rd June.

Instrumental Lessons for next year

I have had several queries about when you will find out whether your child has a place to learn an instrument for next year. Having received all of your applications I have applied to Hampshire Music Service (HMS) for the number of teaching hours we need to accommodate all of your children. I expect to hear back from HMS by the end of June and then I will send letters out at the beginning of July to let you know if your child has a place for next year. Thank you for your patience.

Mrs Baird

Spring Clean and Fundraise!

Do you have clothes you want to get rid of? Save them to help raise money for the school. Please bring them into school on **Friday 10th May** Please do not bring any donations before this date, as we are unable to store them. Thanks!



DBS Certificates

If you have recently been issued with a DBS certificate, please make sure you bring it into the school office so we can take down the details and update our records.
Thank you!

Governor Profile - Maritza Tucker

I recently joined St Mark's governing body, as a Foundation Governor. I have been involved with St Mark's since 2007, when the youngest of my four children started at the school. As a Foundation Governor, I help protect and develop St Mark's distinctive Christian character, and ensure that decisions that are made are rooted in the school's Christian values of love, forgiveness, hope and faith. Within St Mark's governing body, I am part of the Resources Committee and am a lead governor for RE and Assessment. Previously, I was also a member of the Management Committee at the Dandelions pre-school.



My background is in Development Economics, Finance and Public Policy, with a focus on sustainable development, financial engineering and social entrepreneurship. During the last 20 years, I have held a range of senior and fellow roles with a number of international development organisations, think tanks and academia. Early on during that period, I also had a number of grassroots placements in various countries in South America and Africa, before making the transition with work from New York to London. In 2012, I established a consulting company that provides a range of social impact services including social change and financial modelling, strategy and business planning, and social impact measurement, for entrepreneurial individuals and organisations that aim to deliver significant positive social and environmental value. I am also a founding member of Social Value International and have also held Trustee roles with a number of charities and social investment organisations.

I have been a member of an Anglican church in Eastrop, Basingstoke, for the last 16 years, where I have been active in the music (I play the violin) and children's ministries. My Christian formation took place in the United States and Puerto Rico (where I am from), within the Baptist denomination.

At the root of all my experiences has been a great desire to live in congruence with the values and teachings of the Christian faith and to help engrain those values in my children. I have always been impressed with St Mark's strong Christian ethos and vision, which are palpable in all the school does, alongside its excellent provision of a full and rich curriculum.

Some of my hobbies include hiking, cycling, snorkelling, violin playing and reading. I love nature and enjoy travelling and outdoor activities with my husband Andrew, our four children and our lovely cavachon dog Coco!

Cello Lessons

We have a few spaces for cello lessons next year. If your child would be interested then please let the office know ASAP.



**Sports Day letter
emailed home
last week!**

KS2 will start at 9.15am

Picnic lunch 12.00pm

KS1 will start at 1.00pm