



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 13th May 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

We're so proud of our Year 6 pupils. They sit their SATs this week. All the hard work will be worth it, and together we wish them all the best.

Don't forget that your child's poster for 'Changing our World' is due on 20th May. See our website for more info.



We look forward to seeing as many parents and friends of the school on Saturday for our Ground Force Day. Details below! Thank you. Have a great week. Mr Applegate.

Well done to....



- Year R – Nicholas, Brogan, George
- Year 1 – Sienna, Elliott, Ashley
- Year 2 – Noah H, Max, Eunice,
- Year 3 – Stanley, Zachary H, Hannah, Ryan
- Year 4 – Laim, Noa, Summer
- Year 5 – Noah, Sebi, William H, Keeley
- Year 6 – Nayra, Sammie, Miley, Benjamin

Year 6 Hockey Success

Dylan B, Ellie C, Cian O'R, Emily L, Thomas L and Benjamin W were all nominated by Basingstoke Hockey Club and have been accepted to attend the Hampshire Development Centres. The DC is the first step in the ladder for the England Player Pathways and feeds the Performance centres and County Hockey. Amazing! Well done!

Class Attendance

Well done to classes 2R & 5GP who both achieved 100% attendance last week. 😊

GROUND FORCE DAY!



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)

THIS SATURDAY!



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





Dates for your diary....

Sports Day – Friday 7th June! Reserve day Friday 14th June. If weather is too bad, we'll let you know asap!

Summer Term

22nd May to 24th May – Book Fair **
 24th May – YR trip to The Lookout Centre
 7th June – Sports Day
 11th June – Y2 Trip to Portsmouth
 18th June – Drama workshop – KS1 **
 28th June – Y5 Taster Day at Brighton Hill
 1st July – Year 5 trip to Ufton Court **
 1st July – KS1 Choir performance, 4pm **
 5th July – Transition Day
 9th July – Summer Concert **
 18th July – Parents Open Afternoon **
 23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM
 ** **New date**

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)

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**

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.

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.

Be inspired!
Watch our
video on
our website!



Classes for next year

* We'll soon start the process of organising classes for September. Much time is put into putting together the new class lists. Over the next few weeks, the children will be asked which friends they would like to be with so that we can take this into consideration. Please remember, we know your child very well, and how they interact with the other children in the year group. Any parental requests can't be guaranteed. Thank you for your understanding.

On Friday 5th July, we hold our transition day. Children will find out their new classes then, and spend a couple hours that day with their new teacher and class. We have found this reduces anxieties for all!

FOSM – Thank you

It's a busy time of year for FOSM. The team work incredibly hard for our school. The recent disco was a huge success, and they are preparing for the Summer Fair on the 29th June. We wanted to say thank you to all who support us in whatever capacity. 😊😊😊

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!



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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2019

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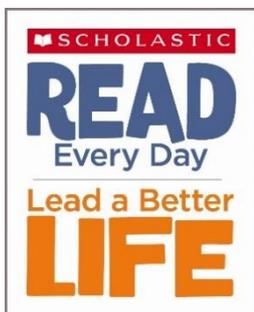
Cleaner Air Project – We've won!

We've been working with around 20 schools and Hampshire County Council this year to see how we can improve the air quality in our locality. Specifically, our eco-committee and JRSOs have been thinking about solutions. They submitted an action plan as part of the project, and we're pleased to say their plan was chosen above the 20 schools! The children will enjoy a session of 'donutting' in the near future. Well done! We'll share more details about the project soon.



As you may be aware, our Junior Road Safety Officers and Eco Committee have joined forces and have been working together over the past few months on our Cleaner Air Campaign. The aim of the campaign is to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. One of the main concerns that has arisen is the amount of traffic around school at drop off and pick up times and the impact that this has on our air quality. With this in mind, next week is Walk To School Week so there's no better time to think about leaving that car behind and walking for all or maybe some of your journey if possible. We all know that walking has many health benefits- it is good for general well-being and is a great opportunity to spend time talking to our children and noticing and admiring things in our natural environment. We also know that by walking we are reducing the amount of emissions we are putting into the air and making our environment a healthier place.

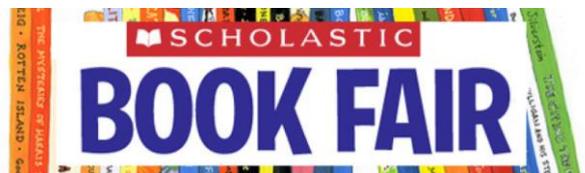
The Book Fair is coming to school again!



Next week from **Wednesday 22nd May until Friday 24th May**, you will be able to come to the school Book Fair and peruse and choose books at either lunchtime or after school (3.20pm-4pm). There will be hundreds of exciting titles to choose from and the leaflet that your child will be bringing home this week shows a small selection of the titles that are available for purchase.

Your child can bring money into school to buy a book independently at lunch time- we suggest bringing the money in a named purse or envelope which your child should hand to their teacher for safe keeping.

Every book purchased helps the school as we get rewards from the sales which helps stock our libraries. We are so grateful for all the support you have given us in the past and hope that we have another successful book fair this summer.



Anvil Tickets

If your child is taking part in Basingstoke Primary Music Festival event at the anvil in June, then don't forget to book your tickets ASAP! Tickets typically sell out quite quickly, and we wouldn't want you to be caught out. Visit the Anvil website.

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.

Something to think about...

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.

Martin Luther King Jr.