



WALK TO SCHOOL JOIN US
WEEK 2019 20-24 MAY

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Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

News Update – Monday 20th May 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

A huge well done to our Y6 pupils, who successfully took their SATs last week. They now have the Y5/6 Madagascar play to look forward to!

Thank you so much to our parents, children and staff who helped out at our Ground Force day on Saturday. We made good progress on our list, and survived the rain! Turnout wasn't very high though, and we'd value your thoughts on when good times are to help out with these things. An hour after school? An evening? The key job left is painting anything wooden. If you have a spare hour after school (or even before pick-up), please let us know. Thank you.

Have a great week ☺ Mr Applegate

Well done to....

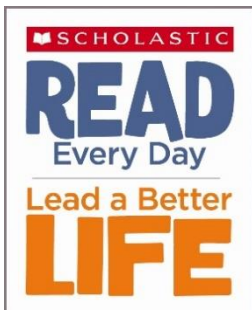


- Year R – Lottie R, Macey, Isabelle
- Year 1 – Vinnie, Rebecca, George B
- Year 2 – Isobel, Cameron, Dylan R
- Year 3 – Lottie B, Samanta, Scarlett
- Year 4 – Cristina, Emma, Ollie
- Year 5 – Emilie, Sophie, Connor
- Year 6 – James B, Thomas B, Abi, Finley N

Class Attendance

Well done to 2R who achieved 100% attendance last week & 6G with 98.96%

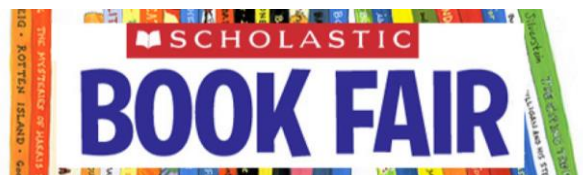
The Book Fair is coming to school again!



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.



Packed Lunches

May we remind parents that due to allergies, anything containing nuts or chocolate spread should not be included in any snacks or packed lunches. Thank you for your understanding.

After-School Clubs

If your child will not be attending HWASC, or any St Marks after-school clubs; could you please ensure you notify the school office.

Failure to do so, can result in the Lost Child Procedure being put into place. Thank you!

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

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

13th June – SRE Meeting for parents, 6pm. **

19th June - Year 6 Class Photos**

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)

**** New dates**

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21st June – Non Uniform Day
29th June- Summer Fun Day

Year 6 - Sex and Relationships Education - SRE

On **Thursday 13th June at 6pm**, we're inviting parents of Year 6 pupils to meet with our Year 6 team to talk through how we'll be teaching this subject in the subsequent weeks.



Eco Committee Update

As part of our Eco project for this term, we are thinking about the single-use plastic we use every day. The children have all started collecting their plastic from lunches and in the classroom. The Eco Committee will be putting the plastic into 2L bottles to make eco bricks for us to create something with. This is a really good opportunity to demonstrate to the children how much plastic we use.

If you're interested in finding out more at home, you can visit www.ecobricks.org

While we encourage you to explore this at home, please refrain from bringing your eco bricks into school. The website has lots of ideas of how to use your bricks.

Something to think about...

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.

Breakfast Club

Could we please ask all parents to ensure they drive slowly through the school car park when dropping their children off at Breakfast Club. This is for the safety of all our children. Thank you.

KS1 Cricket

There are still some places available for KS1 Cricket. It's a great way to introduce your child to this sport. Please let the School Office know if your child is interested

Sports Day Reminders!

On **Friday 7th June** we are holding our Sports day. If the weather looks uncertain we will try to make a decision as early as possible as to whether the sports day will go ahead but please bear with us as it is not always an easy decision to make at 8:30am! If the event is rained off we have Friday 14th June as a reserve day.

The timings for the day are as follows:

- KS2 sports day will start at 9.15am.
- Whole school (including parents) picnic lunch between 12.00pm – 12.35pm.
- KS1 sports will start at 1.00pm - we will be finished by the end of the school day.

On the day the children should all come to school dressed in their sports kit, wearing the coloured t-shirt for their team, without big logos if possible. If it is overcast they may want to wear jogging bottoms (any colour) and their named school sweatshirt. They should also bring a named water bottle, a named sunhat and sun-cream.

Whatever the weather on the day, all children will need to bring a packed lunch **as hot meals will not be available**. If your child is currently entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (KS1 only) a packed lunch can be prepared by the school. Please book this lunch by **22nd May** at the latest by returning the attached form. We are inviting parents to join us for the morning/ afternoon or day but also to have a picnic lunch on the field with their child/children. Please ensure your child brings their lunch into class with them in the morning as they will still need it even if it rains. KS1 children will need collecting from their classrooms and KS2 children will come out and join you once they have their lunches.

If the weather is hot, please do put lotion on your children before they arrive at school. We are unable to put lotion on children. There will be no parking available at the Community Centre or in the school car park. There may well be traffic wardens out and about so please if possible leave your car at home and walk to school. If you do drive please park legally and with consideration to our neighbours. Thank you.

As our new style sports day format was praised by many parents last year we will be following the same format this year. Parents will be following their children's teams around 4 activities and then can be positioned for the other races as we have in the past. We look forward to singing to you in between! The children will have taken part in timed races prior to sports day.

A few rules: We ask that you do not put any belongings too close to the running track, otherwise we will need to ask you to move. Toddlers should be kept off any activities and the race track at the end. Parents are welcome to bring rugs or chairs to sit on as we are not able to provide seating. As always, wine or alcohol is strictly forbidden.

The picture above shows where your child/children's team will start. This is where parents will want to start on the day. Refreshments will also be available. We look forward to sharing a brilliant day of competition, fun together!

