



**Sports Day – forecast isn't great ☹️. We'll confirm on Friday as early as possible if we can go ahead!**

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

## News Update – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### A message from Mr Applegate

Can you believe it's the final half-term of the year?! So much still to be done!

This term, we continue to with our theme of 'changing the world'. The children produced amazing posters on what they think are the biggest problems, and also thought about solutions too. Each class or year group will be focussing on a chosen topic in the coming weeks, and you'll hear about the outcomes too. We want our pupils to see that **they** are a key part of the solution. We'll also be learning about people who have helped change the world in different ways.

You may notice that we've removed the pebbled designs in the grass areas and replaced them with freshly painted tiles. The children chose and designed these, based on different aspects of what makes our school special. On the theme of our outside areas, I want to say thank you to Mrs Matthews, who is taking a lead in managing our flower and vegetable patch by reception. Thank you for the hours you are giving to our school.

Mr Applegate ☺️

### Well done to....



- Year 1 – Amelia, Seth, Charlie B
- Year 2 – Dylan J, Marcus, Owen, Scarlett D
- Year 3 – Freya, Jessica R, Max M
- Year 4 – Toby, Harriet, Brooke
- Year 5 – Lucas, Amy, Nash
- Year 6 – Aaran, Lucy, Bella, Lily H

### School Cleaner Required

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our cleaning team. Hours of work are 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, £8.50 per hour. Please contact the school office for an application form or email [adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk) For more information.

### Class Attendance

Well done to Penguins and class 6G who both achieved 100% attendance last week.

## After School Care Club – Until 6pm Starting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

[www.stmarksprimary.net/scl](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/scl)

Don't forget our new After School Care Club with SCL is starting today.

Please visit our website or [www.wearescl.co.uk](http://www.wearescl.co.uk) to book your child's place.



### Lost Property

A pair of pink framed glasses in a pink case have been handed into the school office.

If you think they may belong to your child, please contact the office

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Trip to Portsmouth
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Drama workshop – KS1
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Taster Day at Brighton Hill
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 5 trip to Ufton Court
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – KS1 Choir performance, 4pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Parents Open Afternoon
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July – LAST DAY OF TERM

## INSET DAYS 2019 2020

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**  
(School starts Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020**
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2020**

## FOSM

- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Non Uniform Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fun Day



## Year 6 Dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> June – SRE Meeting for parents, 6pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Class Photos
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Think Safe Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Leavers’ Service Trip to Winchester Cathedral (Children only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Basingstoke Schools transition dates
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm Yr 5/6 Play Dress Rehearsal (Children only)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm & 7pm Yr 5/6 Play Performance
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver’s Evening Graduation Party
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School Leaver’s Service at 9.45am (parents’ invited)

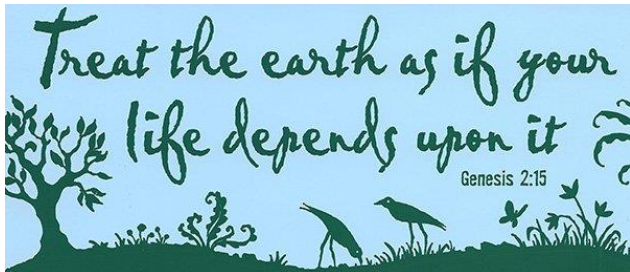
## Year 6 - Sex and Relationships Education - SRE

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Orchestra

Due to Sports Day, Orchestra will not be taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Something to think about...



## Changing Our World



## Change to Menu

Please note there will be a change to the red option on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. It will now be Pork Sausages instead of BBQ Beef Lattice

Please be particularly mindful of parking and driving around the local roads. Highwood Ridge is particularly bad. Narrow roads, cars being parked on the paths or simply driving too fast. **We have requested parking enforcement officers to attend this area.**

## Sports Day Reminders!

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

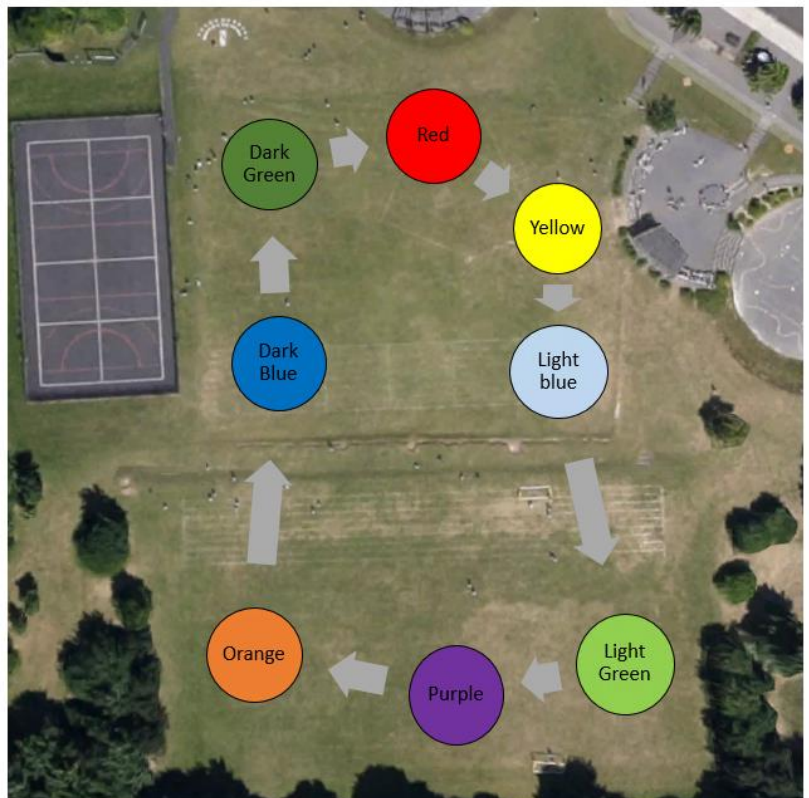
Whatever the weather on the day, all children will need to bring a packed lunch **as hot meals will not be available**. If your child is currently entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (KS1 only) a packed lunch can be prepared by the school. Please book this lunch by **22<sup>nd</sup> 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!



## Friends of St Mark's Committee Profile



Hello,

My name is Cherie Parker (Cher) and I have been on the Friends committee for just over a year and a half. I have 2 children at St Mark's currently.

I volunteer my spare time to help raise funds for the school. It really benefits every child right from year R to year 6.

Volunteering for the discos is one of my favourite things to do... who can resist a boogie to cheesy pop 😊 (1 hour).

I organise the Summer Funday and Christmas raffles. My time is spent sending emails, making calls and begging companies to donate prizes. (10 to 15 hours ad hoc) So if you are part of a large, small or even own your own business please, let me know if they can help by donating something in the future. I have recently taken over Bags2School (3hours max) and have stepped up to become the Vice Chair Person. I am also your ice pop lady in the summer when the weather gets hot (1 hour per sale)

I love being part of FOSM, it's really helped me understand how important a PTA is for schools, as without them they wouldn't receive the much needed additional funds!

**We need you!** Fancy becoming part of the committee, or volunteering at events please email [secretary@friendsofstmarks.org](mailto:secretary@friendsofstmarks.org).

Also, like and follow our page on Facebook Friends of St Mark's.