



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 10th June 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Thank you for your support in our decision to cancel sports day – turned out to be the right call! We'll have another go this Friday (14th June). If it rains again, or the field is too wet, we'll let you know about another date.

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! We'll also announce any staffing changes that week.

Our children are really getting involved in our theme of 'Changing Our World'. There is almost an innate enthusiasm and desire for this, and we've just 'taken off the lid' and provided an opportunity for them. We'll see where it takes us, and look forward to our school outcome day on 12th July.

Finally, we are learning about Pentecost in our worship on Monday. Have a great week ☺

Well done to....



Year R - Nyasha, Ben, Alfie
Year 1 - Naia, George H, Josh F
Year 2 - Iremide, Emilia, Isobel
Year 3 - Erica, Charlie A, Jack P, Paige
Year 4 - Evie (4T) Madison, Ollie R
Year 5 - Archie W, Josh L, Ben
Year 6 - Imogen (6D), Sophie G, Miguel Grace O

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 For more information.

Class Attendance

Well done to 6D with 100% attendance last week and classes 2B & 2SB with 98.33%

Something to think about

Bethlehem was God with us,
Calvary was God for us,
and Pentecost is God in us.

Robert Baer

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.

Year 5 & 6 performance tickets of Madagascar!



You are now able to request your tickets for the Year 5 & 6 performance of Madagascar!

Please visit

www.stmarksprimary.net/5&6performance to request your tickets.

Tickets will be allocated and sent home during the week commencing 24th June.

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

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 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



FOSM

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

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

We felt it would be helpful to gather this information in one place:

Brighton Hill School:

28th June: Yr 5 Taster Day
11th & 12th June: Yr 6 Coffee Afternoon
2.15-4pm
4th & 5th July: Year 6 Induction days

Aldworth School:

28th June: Year 5 Taster Day
4th & 5th July: Year 6 Induction Days
17th & 18th Sept: Open Evenings 5.30-8pm
25th Sept: Open Morning 8.45-11am

Bishop Challoner School:

4th & 5th July: Year 6 Induction Days
19th Sept: Open Evening 6-8pm

The Henry Beaufort School:

20th June: Open Morning (Current Years 4 & 5)
26th & 27th June: Year 6 Induction Days
2nd & 3rd July: Year 5 Taster Days (Fully booked)
12th & 13th Sept: Open Mornings
12th Sept: Open Evening

Cranbourne School:

4th & 5th July: Year 6 Induction Days
10th July: Induction Evening 6pm
11th Sept: Open Evening 6-8.30pm

Perins School

26th June: Year 6 Induction Day
27th & 28th June: Open Morning 9-11am
28th June: Open Evening 5-7pm
8th, 11th & 16th July: Year 5 Taster Days

Governor Profile

My name is Brian Simmonds and I live in Hatch Warren. I am the Local Authority governor at St Mark's. I am deputy chair of the full governing body, and also chair of the Standards committee. I am also the H&S governor. I have been a governor at St Mark's for 4 years, and before that I was a governor at Kempshott Junior School. I am retired, I used to work for Lansing Linde, which was previously known as Lansing Bagnall. I am also chair of a local Patients Participation Group, and also work with the North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group. At least once a week I get out for a long hike and have walked nearly every country path in Hampshire.



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)

Changing Our World



Class Photos

Please note the closing date to order class photos is Friday 14th June

Meet the Team! Friends of St Mark's (FOSM) Committee Profile

Hi, I'm Emma Cater. I've been on the FOSM Committee for nearly 2 years. Before that, I regularly volunteered at many of the FOSM events. As a St Mark's mum for the past 11 years, I love the idea of raising money for our amazing school.



I wanted to give you an idea of what I do and how long it takes. I am "Mrs Caker" the cake sale lady (7 hours total), Ice pop lady in the warm weather and love to help to run the craft stands at the Christmas Fayre! I also play a very important role at the Easter egg hunt.....!

Outside of the FOSM committee I am mum to two boys, a bonkers dog, a gecko and loads of fish! I'm also a Homestart volunteer, supporting families in the community. It is possible to fit being a Friends of St Mark's volunteer and committee member into a busy family daily life!

We really need more volunteers! If you'd like to become a volunteer or a committee member, email secretary@friendsofstmarks.org.

And please like and follow our page - Friends of St Mark's On Facebook for information on our events.



After School Care Club – Until 6pm Available now!

www.stmarksprimary.net/scl

Don't forget our new After School Care Club with SCL is now up and running.

Please visit our website or www.wearescl.co.uk to book your child's place.



Being late to school each day really does have an impact!

Did you know that being late 5 minutes per day means your child would miss about 3.4 days of school a year?

Persistent lateness may also result in a penalty notice being issued (fined). This is Hampshire policy.

By and large we have excellent punctuality – thank you!

For everyone's safety, please park within the spaces at HWCC. Thank you.



Sports Day Reminders!

On **Friday 14th 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!

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!

