



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Tuesday 18th June 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Sports Day.... We'll get there! 12th July is the next date. Several schools had the same dates booked as us, and also cancelled.

What a great week. The children have been working hard. Highlights include meeting new Year R parents, Y1 doing so well in their phonics tests, Y2 loving their trip to Portsmouth, Y3 rebuilding the Titanic, Y4 Romans Day, Y5 sharing their amazing Vikings work, and Y6 preparing for their Madagascar performance and fantastic football win. Your children are amazing.

We also had a successful mini inspection, with the inspector saying how she would be very happy for her children to attend St Mark's. Another professional visitor emailed to say... *"I visit over 20 schools on a regular basis and have good working relationships with them all. However, St Marks shines above all of those for their commitment to sourcing, providing and executing the best support for their pupils."* Whilst we don't always get things right, and are continually improving, I am thankful for our staff who really do work hard and give their best.

Have a great week! Mr Applegate ☺

Well done to....



Year R – Jack N, Amneet, Leelan

Year 1 –Elouise, Harry B, Aimee

Year 2 – Emily, Sophie, Chloe

Year 3 – Emily, Igor, Daisy S

Year 4 – Maddie, Milen, Lottie

Year 5 – Mathew, Taylor, Will C

Year 6 – Ella W, Finley P, Harini, Chloe

Non-Uniform Day 21st June

On **21st June**, we'll be holding a non-uniform day in return for donations towards our FOSM summer fun day. **However, as Y6 will be attending their Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral, they must wear their uniform on this day. Thank you**

Class Attendance

Well done to classes 2SB, 3B & 4SH who all achieved 100% attendance last week.

Changing Our World

Our children continue to be excited by our theme of 'Changing Our World'. We want to empower our children to see that what they do and think makes a difference to our world, and that they themselves can change our world, little by little.



It's inspiring to see the next generation take this seriously, and choose for themselves what they can make a difference in doing. They are being 'courageous advocates', and we're really proud of them. We'll be holding an outcome day in July to celebrate everyone's ideas and work.

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



Clean Air – Scooter Challenge - Monday 24th to Friday 28th June 2019



The Junior Road Safety Officers are very excited to announce that the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the Clean Air Scooter Challenge! Our aim is to get as many children as possible scooting to school every day from 24th to 28th June 2019 and to think about the positive impact this will have on their world, the air quality around them and their physical and mental well-being.



Children can always “Scoot from your boot” if you live too far away to scoot all the way to school. You can park sensibly 5-10 minutes away from the school site and safely scoot for the rest of the journey. Why not try our air pollution quiz on the school website to test yourself and your family!

We have scooter pods located just inside the KS1 gate entrance to the school site and scooters can always be parked on the grass banks just behind these. Due to the numbers of children we hope will be taking part, it would be really helpful if scooters could be taken home during the day wherever possible.

Thank you for your support! The JRSO Team

Governor Profile – Aidan Kinnell

I joined St. Marks' governing body in 2019, following an appeal for a Parent Governor. Being local to the school and having seen my daughter settle into year R in September 2018, I thought this would be an excellent opportunity to give something back to the school.



I sit on the Resources committee with a keen interest in the school finances and the efficient use of this limited resource. My wider role will be to support the school and educational development of the pupils.

My day job is working for a large telecommunications and broadcast infrastructure provider based in Winchester. I'm a qualified accountant with experience in handling confidential data, internal controls and audit procedures, financial reporting, and influencing change. My background provides me with the ability to support and challenge both the committee and school leadership whilst influencing the direction of St. Marks.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my young family, getting out and about with them - often ending up having coffee & cake. I always have a project on the go; next up is a tour of the Scottish North Coast 500. Where I can find time, I will be found in the garden or out on my bike.

Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates

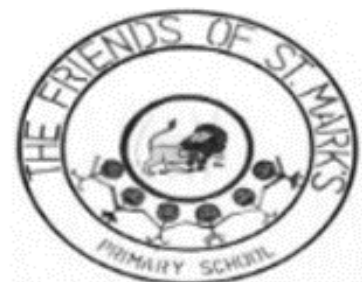
Birthday Parties Groups, Meetings

www.stmarksprimary.net/hire

Win a £10 Festival Place Gift Voucher!

FOSM and St Mark's would like to redesign the FOSM logo. Can you help? It can be hand drawn or using a computer. This is the current design, but can you give it a fresh look?!

Please give entries to the office by July 12th. Happy designing!





Dates for your diary....

Summer Term

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
12th July- Sports Day**
18th July – Parents Open Afternoon
23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM

**New Date

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

Year 6 Dates

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)

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

FOSM TOMBOLA ITEMS

Please help us with some donations for the Tombola Stall which should be brought into school on the 21st June and deposited in the "Fun Day" boxes in each class.

Examples of the types of things we're looking for:

Unwanted Gifts

Bubble Bath

Chocolates/Biscuits

Alcohol

Tins or packets of food

Whilst all donations are appreciated, could we please ask that items are unopened, unused and in date where applicable.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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

Hi, I'm Philippa Dodd, I joined the Committee in October 2016, but have been volunteering for longer at events. I run the craft stall at the Christmas Fayre and am Mrs Hook-a-Duck at the summer Fayre.



I work at lunchtimes at the school and feel passionate about helping raise funds that will benefit ALL the children not just my own. I've seen first hand how much the children benefit from the money we raise especially the most recent addition of table tennis tables!

I help out at the cake sale (4 hours), Easter egg hunt (2hours) and the summer ice pop sales too. Pre events I'm often found photocopying and distributing letters to the classes and fit this in around work and pick up.

I have two children, my daughter is currently in year 3 and my son left St Mark's last year. I like to feel like I'm giving something back to the school. School days are something we all have memories of and any funds we can raise can only go towards making sure our children get the best memories of St Mark's.

We need you ! As little or as much time as you can commit would be amazing.

Please email secretary@friendsofstmarks.org if you'd like to become one of us. 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.



Windmill Hill Trip Payment (current Yr 5 pupils)

This is just to remind you that payment of the final balance for November's Windmill Hill trip is due by

Friday 28th June.

Breakfast Club - Could we please remind parents that Breakfast Club doors open at 8am and close at 8.25; there will not be any access after this time. If you arrive after this time, please park in the Community Centre car park and use the main gates to bring your child into school. Thank you.

St Mark's are moving with the time



We're aware that techy watches are becoming increasingly popular. We are therefore relaxing our rules to move with the times. If children have a fitbit or tech watch they want to wear to school, this is fine. However, it is done so with the following rules, and failing to follow these rules will result in not being able to wear the watch to school again, or having it taken off the child to give to the parent.

1. Watches must not be played with in class or during learning time. They must be on mute.
2. No watches with cameras are allowed.
3. Watches **must not be** connected to wireless networks, Bluetooth, networks or otherwise, and must not communicate with each other.
4. Any damage, loss or theft of watches is not the school's responsibilities. If parents allow their children to bring expensive watches in, they do so knowing that they may be broken or lost. The school will not take responsibility for this or dedicate time to resolving issues.
5. Should this change of rules result in difficulties. the school may reverse the policy!