



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 15th July 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Thank you for helping to make our Sports Day on Friday a huge success! It was great to see parents and children cheering everyone on, in what was a perfect example of healthy and inclusive competition. The children's behaviour and attitude were excellent. And orange team did well! A huge thank you to Mrs Boyle and Miss Durling for all of their efforts in planning the day. And of course to Mr Du-Heaume and the Brighton Hill students, as well as our very own Year 6 pupils who helped in the afternoon. And wasn't the singing great?!

Our **Summer Music Concert** was so enjoyable last week. Well done to all the pupils who took part in a variety of ways.

Thank you to the parents, carers and children who took part in our GroundForce day. Everyone's efforts add up to help improve our school. We really appreciate the time given.

Reports go out today – we trust you enjoy reading them with your child. We do ask that you also complete a really quick questionnaire online at stmarksprimary.net/reports or return the paper form in the report pack.

Poor parking that endangers children and causes frustration for local residents is rearing its ugly head again. Please, please, please either walk to school, park at a distance and walk in, or if you have to park locally, do so with respect and in agreement with traffic laws. I'd rather fines are issued by traffic wardens than a child is injured because of poor visibility and access.

A huge thank you to Becky Matthews who keeps our raised beds behind the reception area looking so fantastic. Much care and effort has gone in, and we are all grateful for her efforts. It looks amazing! Thank you.

Last few items..... Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who perform their end of year show, 'Madagascar'. We are all really looking forward to it. **Open Afternoon** - Come and see your child's art work and also meet their new teacher on Thursday between 3:30pm and 6pm! **Finally, library books must be returned this week!**

Have a great week. Mr Applegate ☺

Well done to these pupils who passed their guitar exams with a distinction or merit!!

Adam (3CB) – Step 1 Acoustic
Sophie (4SH) – Step 1 Acoustic
Craig (3CB) – Step 1 Acoustic
Benjamin (3CB) – Step 1 Acoustic
Scarlett (4SH) – Step 1 Acoustic
Lottie (4EH) – Step 2 Acoustic



Attendance

As a school we focus on attendance and punctuality for all of our pupils. Lateness for pupils is any time after 8:45am – even if it just a minute! If your child has an ongoing pattern or is persistently late then you will normally receive a written warning of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued. This warning will advise you about the extent of your child's absence and warn you that if your child's lateness does not show a significant improvement and if this improvement is not maintained thereafter, a Penalty Notice will be issued without further warning. Further support is available from:

<http://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

Star Learners

Well done to....

Year R – Theo, Meredith, Zachary
Year 1 – Ethan, Jack (1C), Elodie
Year 2 – Harry A, Edward, Heath
Year 3 – Poppy, Alex, Madison P
Year 4 – Alice, Charlotte F, Keeleigh
Year 5 – Joseph, Jayden, Molly M
Year 6 – Mason, Liam, Emily L, Alfie, Sofia M

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

18th July – Parents Open Afternoon
23rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM

Meet the Team! (FOSM) Committee Profile



Hello, I'm Kaylie Smith and I am the newest member of FOSM. Prior to joining the committee, I had helped at a couple of discos' and the cake sale. This gave me the chance to meet all the members and I really loved the upbeat community that was created by all the members.

My eldest son joined the School part way through year 3 and is currently in year 4. My youngest son will be joining the school as a little Penguin in September. Becoming active with the committee is helping not only me to feel a part of a community but also both my children who love 'mummy' helping at events. I myself have just completed a degree in education studies and will be starting my PGCE in September. Learning about the time, passion and work that goes into our children's education has really made me value the need for the FOSM committee. The money raised feeds directly back to the school community, enriching the lives of our children and broadens the opportunities offered to them.

Since joining the committee, other members have been so supportive and welcoming. It really is an awesome little community!!! As a relatively new parent to the school it's been the perfect way to get to know both parents and staff. All the events are fantastic but they could not happen without volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering please contact secretary@friendsofstmarks.org

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

Dates for 2019-2020

16th & 17th Oct – Flu Immunisation (Yrs R-6)
18th Oct – FOSM Disco

*Please note **May Day 2020** has been changed due to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. It will now be **Friday 8th May** instead of **Monday 4th May***

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

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

Brighton Hill School:

30th Sept, 1st Oct, 2nd Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am
7th Oct: Open Evening 6-8pm
9th, 10th & 11th Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am.
Please call to book a place 01256 350606

Aldworth School:

17th & 18th Sept: Open Evenings 5.30-8pm
25th Sept: Open Morning 8.45-11am

Bishop Challoner School:

19th Sept: Open Evening 6-8pm

The Henry Beaufort School:

12th & 13th Sept: Open Mornings
12th Sept: Open Evening

Cranbourne School:

11th Sept: Open Evening 6-8.30pm

Perins School

16th July: Year 5 Taster Days

Year 6 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)

Outstanding Balances

Please note any monies outstanding for Breakfast Club, School Dinners, Music Tuition or Windmill Hill need to be received no later than **Friday 19th July.**

Lost Property

There are many items in lost property. Please do look through to claim what may be yours.

Any items not named or claimed by **Friday 19th**

Change to Menu

Please note there will be a change to the menu on **Tuesday 23rd July.**

Red – Chicken Korma with rice
Green – Pizza

Any children with a special diet, please refer to their Wednesday, Week 1 menu.

**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.

Currently taking bookings for September!

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



Ice Pops

The final Ice Pop sale will be held on **Mon 22nd July**, weather permitting.

We look forward to seeing you later today too ☺

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Class Attendance

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

St Mark's awarded Global Neighbours Bronze Accreditation!!



Pupils at St Mark's have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme for their global citizenship work.



From recycling and engaging with our local MP about tackling pollution to visiting residents in a local residential home and donating food for local people, our pupils and staff have been working hard to take their place as global citizens. Our school has achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's [Global Neighbours scheme](#) in recognition of its wide-ranging steps to love their global neighbour. The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

We are thrilled to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school community to raise awareness of the extreme inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to address these. The pupils learn about global issues regularly and gain an understanding of injustice in our world. Our JRSO's and Eco-committee have been investigating ways to reduce air pollution and tackle plastic pollution; we have even had a visit from our MP, Maria Miller, and the pupils raised their concerns about these issues with her. Our Raising Hope Foundation Ambassadors and Christian Voice Ambassadors have worked to deepen our link and our understanding of the lives of children in Santrokofi in Ghana as well as continue our fund raising efforts. We took part in Christian Aid's scheme because it gives us a practical way of living out our school values and shows how our world is increasingly connected. Our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare. The children have particularly enjoyed participating in our changing the world projects which we will be sharing at the end of this week. It's wonderful to see how staff and pupils have taken this to heart and are seeking to tackle injustice.