



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Thursday 5th September 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Hello! Welcome back to St Mark's!

If you are new to our school community or returning after the summer break, we do hope you've had a great time and look forward to a great year ahead.

We especially welcome our new Year R pupils and their families. I do hope that you feel part of our school community quickly.

We've had some work done over the summer, including refurbishing the KS1 toilets and replacing the carpet in the Year 6 area. A huge thank you to Mr Blake and Mrs Barbour, as well as our cleaning team, for all of their hard work.

Some mini reminders – please label everything, be mindful of our residents when parking, walk if possible, don't bring nuts of any description into school, and let us know if there have been any medical or contact detail changes. And please bring fruit or veg in for break time snacks (free fruit is only for KS1 pupils).

Do join us at our curriculum workshops – see the box on the right for more info. This is a change from previous years.

We'll write next week with more details of dates for the coming year, including parents' evenings, Christmas performances, and more. Enjoy the short week!

Mr Applegate ☺

SIAMS – We got top marks!

In July 2019, we were inspected by SIAMS under the latest framework. It's like Ofsted for church schools, with a particular focus on the impact of the vision of the school. We are pleased to say that we got the top grades across the board; according to SIAMS, we are an EXCELLENT school. The report has now come out, which is available at <http://www.stmarksprimary.net/siams>.

Thank you to our all of our staff who work so hard day-in, day-out. SIAMS observed what we aim for each day. A particular thanks goes to Mrs Rosso, who worked exceptionally hard in the run up to SIAMS, with very positive commendations ☺

Curriculum Workshops - a new format!

Instead of running 'curriculum evening' sessions in September, we are holding exciting new curriculum workshops! Format is as follows:

Drop-off – 9am –Join us for tea/coffee – Main Hall

9am – 9:30am – Teacher-led session for parents: find out details about the year group and curriculum, with a focus on how maths is taught.

9:30am – 10am – Join in a learning activity with your child, in their classrooms.

What are the dates for the workshops?

Thursday 12th Sept – Year 5

Thursday 19th Sept – Year 2

Friday 20th Sept – Year 1

Tuesday 24th Sept – Year 3

Thursday 26th Sept – Year 6

Friday 27th Sept – Year 4

If you are unable to make these sessions, we are holding two generic evening sessions with a focus on our new maths curriculum. Dates are:

Years 1 and 2 – 18th Sept, 6:30pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 18th Sept, 7:20pm

Penalty Notices

A recent change to Hampshire County Council's Code of Conduct on issuing Penalty Notices means that parents can also be issued with a fine if their child is regularly late for school. This is where a child is more than 5 minutes late to school on 10 occasions during a 10 school week period. Further information is available online at:

www.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate
Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Cooper
Assistant Head: Mrs Nicola Ford
Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey





Dates for your diary....

Dates for 2019-2020

10th Sept – Yr 5 visit to Winchester Science Centre **
4th Oct - Yr 3 trip to Stonehenge **
16th & 17th Oct – Flu Immunisation (Yrs R-6)
18th Oct – FOSM Disco
**new date added

INSET DAYS 2019 2020

Friday 25th Oct 2019
Monday 6th Jan 2020
Friday 3rd Apr 2020
Monday 1st Jun 2020

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

19th & 20th Sept: Open Mornings

Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2020, you are welcome to come along to one of our school tours.

The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place.

1. Thursday 3rd October 10:30am
2. Tuesday 8th October 2pm
3. Wednesday 16th October 10:30am
4. Monday 11th November 7pm
5. Tuesday 12th November 2pm
6. Friday 22nd November 10:30am

Car Parking

All current car parking permissions will cease on Friday 6th September 2019

If parents/carers would like to re-apply for access to the car park, please contact the school office for a permission form. **A different system will be in place!**

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please do sign up, even if they bring their own packed lunch to school or have free dinners in year R, 1 or 2. This can be done online in seconds, for free. The government give additional money to our school for each child that has free school meals; this allows us to improve our provision for all pupils and help you pay for trips. Please

visit: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals

Labelling School Clothes

Please use a permanent marker for labelling school clothes. There are a lot of items of clothing in our lost property boxes without names on! From September all lost property will be located near the school office and not in year group work areas. This will be sorted frequently with unnamed and unclaimed items being recycled.

Lollypop Man, Noel

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Noel has sadly passed away following a short illness.

Our thoughts are with his family at this incredibly sad time.

Born free Foundation

Well done to class 5GP who raised £34.00 for the Born Free Foundation after holding their Wear it Wild Day last term.



Contact Details

Please note if there are any changes to the data we hold for your children in school it must be reported to the school office, so we can update your records accordingly. This includes change of address, telephone numbers, medical information or email addresses for parents.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION WE HOLD IS UP TO DATE!

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www.stmarksprimary.net/hire

Learning Through Sport

We have been advised that Learning Through Sport have a limited number of places still available for Multi-Sports and Football on Fridays 3.20-4.20.

Please book this direct with them at

<https://www.learningthroughsport.co.uk/st-marks/>

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. Bookings currently being taken for Sept. Please visit our website or www.wearscs.co.uk to book your child's place.



School Meals – Sept Price Increase

We have been advised by Hampshire County Council that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.40 per meal as of September 2019. Please can we remind you that payment for school meals should be made in advance or on the day the meal is taken.

Our preferred method of payment is via the online Scopay system; alternatively you can pay by cash or cheque at the school office. Universal Infant Free School Meals are currently for children in Years R to 2. Once your child reaches Year 3 you will then be required to pay for meals. This has always been the case across all schools.