



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 9th September

A message from Mr Applegate

We trust your children have had a great few days in school so far.

Thank you for your messages of support following Lollypop Noel's passing. Noel was employed by the council, but served our community so well; we are looking to see how we can best remember him and will be in contact soon with more information.

We look forward to seeing as many Y5 parents at our first parent workshop this week. Details are here → Our theme this term is responsibility, and will be launched this week.

We also look forward to welcoming our first Year R children arriving this week!

Have a great week, Mr Applegate 😊

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

After-School Clubs

Letters will be going home this week.

We have tried wherever possible to give everyone their first choice. However, some clubs were over-subscribed and we had to draw names from a hat.

Please return your child's permission slip and payment (if required) by Friday 13th September. Thank you

Technology is confusing, but we can help!

We all want to help our children stay safe when using technology. But it's not always easy to know how. Mobiles, tablets, game consoles, laptops, watches and more make it confusing!



In order for us to know how we can help you best, we're asking parents to suggest areas or questions that they would like support with.

Please visit www.stmarksprimary.net/confusing to complete our short survey. We'll gather the responses, and put together a way to help out. Please submit your ideas/questions by **October half-term**. Thank you.

Reminders

Please can we remind parents that the **side gates** should be used at the beginning and end of the school day. The main entrance should only be used by parents who have permission to use the school car park.

Anyone wishing to speak to the office staff can access the office via the door leading from the playground.

The cost of a school meal has now increased to £2.40; please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's account to cover any meals they have.

Head Teacher: Charles Applegate
Deputy Head Teachers:
Nicola Ford & Rebekah Alsey



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Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER

10th - Y5 trip to Winchester Sci
23rd Parents' Eve Bookings Open
23rd - Harvest Worship

OCTOBER

1st FOSM AGM All welcome 7pm
4th - Y3 trip to Stonehenge
7th - School Photographs
14th Parents' Eve Bookings Close
16th & 17th - Flu Immun. Yrs R-6
17th - Parent's Evening 4-6pm
18th - FOSM Disco
21st - Parent's Evening 4-6:30pm
23rd - Parent's Evening 5-7pm
25th - INSET day
28th - 1st Nov Half Term

NOVEMBER

4th - 8th Y6 PGL Residential
15th - FOSM Non-Uniform Day
30th - Sat - FOSM Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

19th - Christmas Lunch
20th - School finishes, 3:20pm

Spring and Summer Term

INSET DAYS

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

February Parents' Evenings

Feb 11th - 4-6pm
Feb 13th - 4-6:30pm
Feb 26th - 5-7pm

Year 6 Bikeability Week of 2nd March

Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Mar 26th - 2pm
Mar 30th - 2pm
Mar 31st - 6:30pm

Year 6 SATS Week W/B 11th May - No absences!

Sports Day - Fri 22nd May Reserve(!) - Friday 5th June

Y6 Photos - 17th June

Y6 Production- 14th July 7pm 15th July 2pm and 7pm

17th July - Y6 Leavers Disco 22nd July Y6 Leavers Service

CHRISTMAS!

BOOKING TICKETS

Oct 7th - Ticket Bookings Open
Nov 5th Ticket Bookings Close for Year R
Nov 8th - Ticket Bookings Close for Years 1&2
Nov 12th - Ticket Bookings Close for Years 3-6
Nov 14th - Yr R, 1, 2 Tickets returned
Nov 20th - Yrs 3-6 Tickets returned

PERFORMANCES - DECEMBER

Year R Nativity
Tues 3rd - 10am
Weds 4th - 10am

Year 1&2 Performance

Mon 9th - 10am
Tues 10th - 10am
Weds 11th - 2pm

Years 3&4 Carol Service & Choir

Thurs 12th - 2pm
Mon 16th - 6:30pm
Tues 17th - 2pm

Years 5&6 Carol Service & Choir

Fri 13th - 2pm
Mon 16th - 2pm
Tues 17th - 6:30pm

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

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

Term Dates

Autumn 2019

October Half Term - W/B 28th Oct
Last day of term - Dec 20th, 3:20pm

Spring 2020

Term Starts - Tues 7th Jan
(INSET Mon 6th Jan)
Feb Half Term - W/B 17th Feb
Last day term - Thur 2nd Apr 3:20pm
(INSET Fri 3rd April)

Summer 2020

Term Starts - Tues 2nd June
(INSET Mon 1st June)
May Half Term - W/B 25th May
Last day of term - 22nd July, 3:20pm

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. **Thurs 3rd Oct 10:30am**
2. **Tues 8th Oct 2pm**
3. **Weds 16th Oct 10:30am**
4. **Mon 11th Nov 7pm**
5. **Tues 12th Nov 2pm**
6. **Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am**

Responsibility

Don't be afraid of giving kids responsibility, be there to guide & support them, not just to do things for them

Free money to support your child and our school?!

The government gives schools a 'Pupil Premium' of around £1300 for each child who is in a particular situation - for example, a child who has a parent who has been out of work for a day or more in the past few years, or claims certain benefits.

The school uses this additional money to provide support for your child and for the school. It really makes a difference, and is so easy to check for eligibility. Just phone the school and we can do it for you. 01256 346 111.

Is this linked to Free School Meals?

Kind of! For children in Years R,1 and 2, they get free school meals anyway by default, but need to still claim for the Pupil Premium money. For children in Year 3-6, the check will do both Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium, as neither are available by default. Do call if you have any questions. Thank you.

FOSM DISCO

The next Friends of St Mark's (FOSM) Disco will be held on **Friday 18 October 2019**. For Early Years/Key Stage 1 this will be held from 5.00-5.45pm and for Key Stage 2 from 6.00-6.45pm.
A letter is going out soon!

J Rock

Just a quick reminder, J Rock rehearsals will not begin until we have applied and been accepted to take part in J Rock 2020. We are due to apply next week and when we hear if we have been successful with our application, we will let you know when rehearsals start.

A MESSAGE FROM FOSM

FOSM have planned another exciting year ahead, supporting the children and the wider school community.

Our first event of the year is our '**FOSM Disco**' on **18th October**. As always, we are on the lookout for volunteers so please do get in contact if you can help. Coming up later in the year we have our **Christmas Fayre** for all to enjoy festive fun.

FOSM could not function without volunteers and donations. With this in mind, if your company offers any form of charity donation package, we would be very grateful if you would contact us. These donations can be big or small, all donations help to make good events GREAT! Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for updates from us and details for our up and coming events!

We are always on the look out for new members to join us on the FOSM committee, so please contact us to sign up and become an active part of the school community. Our next **AGM** is **1st October** and it would be lovely to have new members there to join us: secretary@friendsofstmarks.org

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Don't forget our new After School Care Club with SCL is now up and running. Please visit our website or www.wearesci.co.uk to book your child's place.