St Mark's CofE Primary School



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 23rd September

A message from Mr Applegate

It was wonderful to see over 60 parents and carers at each of the curriculum workshops last week. We hope you've found them informative and enjoyable. The slides will be on the website today.

Our website is full of information about our school, and also to support parents. Could be worth taking a fresh look around.

Do you have clothes you want to get rid of? Save them to help raise money for the school. We will let you know the date to bring them to school soon.



This week, we are thinking about organisations and people who use their power (words and actions) for good. We also celebrate Harvest on Monday. Thank you for your donations, which will go to Foodbank.

Have a great week! ^(C) Mr Applegate

Star learnerst well Done to:



Year 1-Nathan, Sophia, Matilda Year 2- Ross, Cody, Finley Year 3-Chloe G, Riker, Jaiden Year 4-Madison P, Jessica R, Kai Year 5 – Ed, Scarlett S, Harri Year 6 – Amber, Leo, Poppy

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?

Tuesday 24th Sept – Year 3 Thursday 26th Sept – Year 6 Friday 27th Sept – Year 4

Windmill Hill - PGL Year 6 Parents (for PGL 2019)

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 24th September 6.15-7.00pm to provide you with more information on the upcoming trip and to answer any questions you may have.

Year 5 Parents (for PGL 2020)

The year 6 team will be holding a "drop in" session on **Tuesday 1st October 3.30-6.45pm** to provide general information regarding Windmill Hill 2020 This will be held in the Year 6 classrooms

Class Attendance

Well done to Puffins Class with 99.66 attendance last week and 3BE with 98.89 attendance 🙂

Who is Boris?

Find out more at www.stmarksprimary.net/heartsmart/

Language creates reality. Words have power. Speak always to create joy.

TREA



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



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Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER

23rd Parents' Eve Bookings Open
23rd Harvest Worship
24th Year 6 Windmiil Hill meeting
6.15-7.00pm
27th- McMillan Coffee Morning
at Immanuel Church 9am-12pm

OCTOBER

1st FOSM AGM All welcome 7pm 1st Year 5 Windmill Hill Drop in afternoon 3.30-6.45pm 4th - Y3 trip to Stonehenge **7**th - 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 22nd – Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement Programme ** 22nd – Year 6 Rumble in the Jungle project outcome **2pm** Parents invited** 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 20th – Year 6 SATS information evening 6.30-7.15pm 30th – Sat – FOSM Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

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

**new date added

Spring and Summer Term

INSET DAYS

Friday 25th Oct 2019 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

 $\label{eq:performances-december} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{PERFORMANCES - DECEMBER} \\ \mbox{Year R Nativity} \\ \mbox{Tues $\mathbf{3}^{rd}$ - 10am} \\ \mbox{Weds $\mathbf{4}^{th}$ - 10am} \end{array}$

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

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

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: 25th Sept: Open Morning 8.45-11am



We are excited to confirm that we are taking part in the Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion for a chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for our school. If you or your friends or relatives shop at Aldi and would like to pass on your stickers to us we would be delighted to receive them. Thank you for your support.

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 (Full)
- 3. Weds 16th Oct 10:30am (Full)
- 5. Tues 12th Nov 2pm
- 2. Tues 8th Oct 2pm (Full)
 4. Mon 11th Nov 7pm
 6. Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am

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 <u>www.wearescl.co.uk</u> to book your child's place.

From Monday 16th September SCL will be holding some themed days:

Mondays will be Bagel Pizza Day Your child will be able to make their own bagel pizza

Wednesdays will be Slime Day The children will be making slime



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 <u>www.stmarksprimary.net/confusing</u> 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.

Year 6 SATs Information Evening

An important meeting for all Year 6 parents and carers.

Come along on November 20th at 6:30-7:15pm to find out more about the Year 6 SATs, what they entail, and how you can help your child in the coming months.



Please note there will be limited parking for this event, as the Community Centre and surrounding roads will not have any access.

It is advised to walk wherever possible

