



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 14th October

A message from Mr Applegate

Voting day is this Friday! See the poster in this newsletter to find out more.

Last week, some of our Year 5 pupils took part in a Basingstoke table tennis tournament at Aldworth. One of the boys teams reached the semi-finals and came 4th overall. The girls team reached the finals and won silver medals. All of the children worked incredibly well as a team, showed great resilience and great teamwork. Well done everyone 😊

I wanted to highlight the work of FOSM. We have an amazing group of volunteers, including a fantastic committee, who work so hard to raise much-needed funds and strengthen our community. **However, we desperately need more support or events just won't happen.** If you could help on our committee, or just volunteer to help at some events, please do let us know. Email or phone the office. We would be really grateful. So far this year, we've spent the money FOSM raised on improving Year R play equipment, more and better books for our libraries, software to help us support children more, coaches for Y6 Residential Trip (FOSM always pay for this!), water bottles for Year R pupils (again, FOSM always buy these), IT equipment, art easels, and more. Our next spend is to improve playground activities. It really does pay for items that we need but can't afford.

Thank you for all that you give, in so many ways.

Medicine in School

Please note the School Office can only administer medicine if it has been prescribed by a GP and has your child's name on the dispensing label. There is a form you will need to complete to enable the medicine to be administered during the school day, which can be obtained from the school office. We are unable to administer generic ibuprofen and paracetamol without a prescription, but you are welcome to come into the school to administer this medicine yourself should your child need it.

Class Attendance

Well done to class 1H with 99.33% attendance and classes 3BE, 3SB & 6C who all achieved 100% 😊

Star learners!



Well Done to:

- Year R- Darcie, Reuben, Harriett
- Year 1- Joshua, Evie, Annabelle
- Year 2- Jack (2R), Rebecca, George H
- Year 3- Ava, Trinity, Isabella
- Year 4- Stanley, Scarlett, Milly
- Year 5- Ava S, Daniel C, Mira
- Year 6- Stanly, Leah, Luca L

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. Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Required

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our lunchtime team.

Hours of work are 11.45am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. You will be required to administer first aid, but training will be given.

Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information.

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.

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



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Good rating



Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

OCTOBER

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
 6th - Year R Autumn Born Children Height & Weight Programme
 15th - FOSM Non-Uniform Day
 20th - Year 6 SATS information evening 6.30-7.15pm
 30th - Sat - FOSM Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

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

CHRISTMAS!

BOOKING TICKETS

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

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 12th 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

**date amended

Upcoming FoSM Events

Autumn Term:

18th Oct - Disco
 15th Nov - FoSM Non-Uniform day (Donations for Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Swap)
 27th Nov - Bags to School

Spring Term:

20th Jan - World Book Day costumes drop off (details to follow)
 31st Jan - World Book Day Costume Swap (details to follow)
 7th Feb - School Disco
 13th Mar - Cake Sale
 28th Mar - Easter Egg Hunt

Summer Term:

15th May - School Disco
 19th Jun - Non-Uniform Day (Donations for Summer Fun Day)
 27th Jun - FoSM Summer Fun Day



*Our new FOSM logo,
 designed by Jacob's
 mum in Y2. We love it!
 Thank you ☺*

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



There are **20 prizes of £20,000** to be won.
All you have to do is get stuck in!

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.

After School Care Club – Until 6pm Available now!

www.stmarksprimary.net/scl

SCL do a variety of fun activities including the following:

Bug Hunts, Arts & Crafts, Lego Building, Pizza Bagel Night, Slime Making, Reading, Board Games/Focus Games, Healthy Snack, Outdoor Play, Structured and Free Play, Trains/Cars, Card Games

To book your child's place, please visit www.wearescl.co.uk



Christmas Jumper Swap

FoSM have asked if your child has any Christmas Jumpers they no longer require or have outgrown, please donate them to FoSM on **15th November**. They will then have a stall at the Christmas Fayre where you can buy children's Christmas Jumpers.

Thank you ☺



After-School Clubs

Due to Parents' Evenings, the following clubs will be cancelled:

Thursday 17th October:

Young Futurist Technology Club

Monday 21st October:

KS1 Choir
Homework Club
Netball

Please note all other clubs will continue as usual

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. Please note that some dates may be full.

1. **Weds 16th Oct 10:30am**
2. **Mon 11th Nov 7pm**
3. **Tues 12th Nov 2pm**
4. **Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am**

Christmas Performance Tickets

Please use the following links to book your tickets:

Year R –

www.stmarksprimary.net/yearRchristmas

Years 1 & 2

www.stmarksprimary.net/1and2christmas

Years 3 & 4

www.stmarksprimary.net/3and4christmas

Years 5 & 6

www.stmarksprimary.net/5and6christmas



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VOTING DAY FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER!



SCHOOL COUNCIL



ECO-COMMITTEE



CHRISTIAN VOICE AMBASSADOR



Do they have these key qualities

Be good at speaking

Be aware

Be Committed

Be a team player

Have good ideas

Set a good example

Be a good listener



Governor Profile – Nicola Ledington

I have lived in Hatch Warren all my life and am very well acquainted with the area. I joined as a foundation governor in 2019, having been asked by Immanuel church where I attend with my children.



I felt that the opportunity to be part of a local governing body would be a good way to help the pupils and the teachers at the school. I am very keen to make the curriculum rich and inviting for everyone and for children to make good progress towards their next stages.

I work at a local preschool during school hours and occasionally work at weekends at a local theatre. My preschool job provides me within an insight in the early years framework which forms the basis of year R's assessment. I understand that the first few years at school are incredibly important and as a governor this is something I am truly passionate about.

Outside of work I have a young family and love spending my time with them both at home as well as going on day trips. I enjoy quizzes and have a strong knowledge of Disney films. I have recently completed the couch to 5k and try to get out running in local areas as well as a parkrun over the weekends.

To raise awareness of diabetes, we're celebrating world diabetes day on 14th Nov. Soon, we'll be sending home a blue circle, for you to be creative with.
More information to come!



world diabetes day

14 November

ARE YOU SMART ONLINE?

S

Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

