



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 21st October

A message from Mr Applegate

THANK YOU!!! Our disco on Friday night was really well attended, and the children had great fun. Even more, we were so impressed by the FOSM volunteers and committee. FOSM were so overwhelmed with parent support that they had to turn away helpers. Thank you for everyone who offered. These events raise vital funds for the school, and the children really enjoy them. **Please do continue to put your name forward.** Thanks!

Thank you to those who have attended **parents evening** so far. A really positive buzz. Please do ensure you have an appointment. We want 100% turn out, as it's key to know how your child is doing- and it's a chance to ask questions, too.

Please complete our parent survey –

www.stmarksprimary.net/survey.

We'd like 100% completion

to get an accurate view. Thanks.

Breakfast Club – a reminder that children must be dropped off and signed in to breakfast club. Please don't just drop them off at the car park. It's for their safety.

Thank you, and have a great week 😊

Mr Applegate

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

Changes to Menu

Please note there is a change to the menu on Thursday 24th October:

Red – Fish Fingers **Green** – Quorn Nuggets

Class Attendance

Well done to 2T with 98.67 attendance and classes 3BE and 5F who both achieved 100%

Star learners!

Well Done to:

Year R- Elodie, Oscar, Daisy (Puffins)

Year 1- Henry, Angelina, Toby

Year 2- Noah, Zoe, Max B

Year 3- Matheus, Dylan J, Marissa

Year 4-Eriica, Raphael, Freya, Samanta

Year 5- Gurshantt, Joby, Penny

Year 6- Lily M, Lucas, Carolina

Rotary Shoebox Scheme



This year we will be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme which provides essential items for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania.

Over the coming days your child will be bringing home a leaflet with details of the scheme and a list of items to include in your shoebox. If you would like to take part, please can we ask that all shoeboxes are brought into the school office on **Thursday 7th November before the end of the school day** (and not before due to lack of storage space)!

Thank you for your support with this scheme.

Stranger Danger

We had an incident last week where two older children were walking home together, and an unknown car pulled up alongside them and asked if they wanted a lift. The children said no, and the car sped off. Nothing else happened, but it's worth reiterating to children about never accepting lifts from strangers, and to tell a known adult if something worries them. The police have been informed.

Head Teacher: Charles Applegate

Deputy Head Teachers:

Nicola Ford & Rebekah Alsey



Half-Term Notices!!

To raise awareness of diabetes, which affects past and present pupils, we're celebrating **world diabetes day** on 14th November!

This week, your child will have a paper plate sent home. We'd love it if you could colour it blue or decorate it with blue things. Then simply put the plate in an unusual place- in your home, outside, In town, in the park – be creative! Just take a photo, and email in to adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk by 8th November. Your child doesn't need to be in the photo.

To find out more about diabetes, watch a short video at www.stmarksprimary.net/diabetes



On Monday 11th November, 9am, we have our Remembrance Day service. Our theme is 'being a child in the wartimes'.

Do you know someone who was a child in a war when they were younger? Perhaps an older relative? We'd love to hear from you! Could you send in a video 'interview' of this person, answering a few questions? It would be great for our children to see. Or do you know someone who would come in and speak to our children about their experience? For more info, or to send in a video, just email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk.



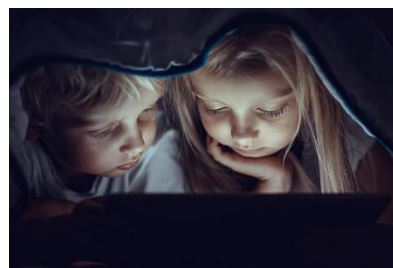
Possible Questions:

1. Can you introduce yourself, and possibly tell us your age?!
2. Where did you grow up, and can you tell us what it was like when you were younger?
3. Is there a specific memory you have of growing up during the war?
4. Do you have a funny memory to share?
5. Is there a positive message you would like to pass on to our pupils?

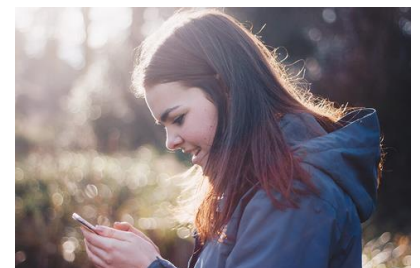
Excellent ideas for parents
stmarksprimary.net/digital



How to reap the hidden rewards of video gaming >



Sleeping vs. scrolling? >



Can Screen Time Turn Into Addiction? >



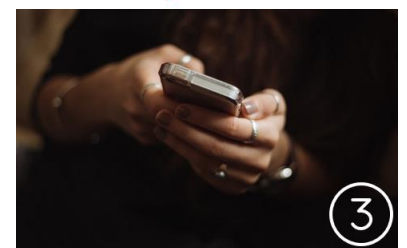
Parental controls and filtering >

Tips, tricks and advice for setting up parental controls and privacy settings on mobile networks, devices, apps and websites.



Cyberbullying: Fact vs Fiction >

With so many scare stories about cyberbullying, it's not surprising that parents can feel overwhelmed. Our Q&A helps to shed some light...



Social media, body image and the pressure to look 'just right' >

Social media can be a positive tool to help young people develop. But constantly chasing 'likes' can make them feel insecure.





Dates for your diary....

Autumn Term

OCTOBER

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:

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



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 - Mon 20th April

May Half Term - W/B 25th May

(INSET Mon 1st June)

Last day of term - 22nd July, 3:20pm

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.wearsccl.co.uk



KS1 and KS2 play equipment

Please be advised that the KS1 and KS2 play equipment is for use by pupils of St Mark's CofE School only. It is designed for use by children within those key stages. It is supervised when a member of school staff is present, operating under school provision and timetable. Outside these hours the equipment is unsupervised and should not be used.

Neither the school nor Hampshire County Council accept any liability for any damages and/or injuries sustained as a result of the use of this equipment.



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.

Café Church at Immanuel

Café Church is our new and informal service on the first Sunday of the month at 9:30am in the school hall. We start with a continental breakfast with a time to chat and then move into the worship with contemporary songs. This is a relaxed and lively service for the whole family. Rev May and Marcus invite you to come and join us



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. **Mon 11th Nov 7pm**
2. **Tues 12th Nov 2pm**
3. **Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am**

Prayer Space

Immanuel Church are kindly hosting a prayer space for our children this week. Each child will be welcome to visit with their classes and the space will also be open at lunchtimes. The interactive activities were extremely popular last time we ran the space. They give the children an opportunity to reflect on their own concerns and those in the wider world. The space will also be open during both our parent's evenings this week so please feel free to pop in and meet and talk to Reverend May and learn a bit more about this exciting space and how it benefits our children.



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Elections

On Friday, we had the climax of our own general election, with no deals in sight. A huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward, and those who were elected. Democracy in action!

Our New Committee Members 2019:



Well done everyone who applied for your super posters, speeches and wonderful badges to get your class to vote for you! Thank you for taking the time to take part in our elections.

Our Eco Warriors 2019

Bridge – Theo
Yr 6 – Gabriel, Molly, Madison
Yr 5 – Sophie, Ayush, Matilda
Yr 4 – Jessica, Daisy, Erica
Yr 3 – Emilia, Cara, Eleanor
Yr 2 – Noah, Myla, Theodore
Yr 1 – Hayley, Angelina, Freyja



Our School Council 2019

Bridge – Daniel
Yr 6 – Toby, Amalie, Mia
Yr 5 – Edward, Katie, Summer
Yr 4 – Lottie, Hollie, Ryan
Yr 3 – George, Owen, Zach
Yr 2 – Lara, Max, Jack
Yr 1 – Elsa, Poppy, Summer



Our Christian Voice Ambassadors 2019

Bridge – Neveya
Yr 6 – Stanly, Leah, Connor
Yr 5 – Isabella, Jonathan, Bela
Yr 4 – Stanley, Adam, Sophia
Yr 3 – Scarlett, Isabella, Bethany
Yr 2 – Isla, Elouise, Nala
Yr 1 – Sophia, Jackson, Jasper



Our Raising Hope Foundation Ambassadors 2019

Yr 6 – Grace, Jaiden, Shayna
Yr 5 – Ruby, Teagan, Noa
Yr 4 – Phoebe, Anabella, Darcy
Yr 3 – Eunice, Logan, Marissa
Yr 2 – Joe, Sebastian, Harry
Yr 1 – Nicholas, Emily, Isabelle, Jack



Freya, Chelsea