



## News Update – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### A message from Mr Applegate

Thank you to Rev May who led our Remembrance Service last week. I firmly believe we must never forget the sacrifices that have been made, and continue to be made, for us.

On our INSET day, we spent time reshaping our curriculum so that it really fits our vision for education, and of course the needs of our children. If you haven't done so, see the latest 'knowledge organisers' on our front webpage.

This week, several of our Raising Hope and Christian Voice Ambassadors take a special trip to Winchester to talk about injustice in our world.

Our Christmas performances are soon to begin. After each performance, we'll have a collection- this will be shared between the Camrose Centre (helping homeless people in Basingstoke) and Raising Hope Foundation, the charity we support in Ghana. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Year 6 SATs Information Evening

An important meeting for all Year 6 parents and carers. Come along on **November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SCL Free Taster Seession

SCL will be holding a free taster session on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

To book your place, please register at [www.wearscsl.co.uk/after-care](http://www.wearscsl.co.uk/after-care) Please select the Taster Session for **22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Any children already booked in for this date will receive a credit note.



### Class Attendance

Well done to classes 2R, 3B, 4SH and 5F who all achieved 100% attendance last week 😊

### Star learners!

#### Well Done to:



Year R-Avani, Stanley, Harry  
Year 1-Isabelle Ru, Freddie, Lucas W  
Year 2-Elizabeth, Sofia, Issac  
Year 3-Irebami, Isaac, Alastair  
Year 4-Joseph W, Madison S, Libby  
Year 5-Alice, Jackson, Harrison G  
Year 6 – Josh D, Riley, Theo

### Christmas Performance Tickets



We would like to say a huge thank you to Pam Ruffles who has worked so hard to allocate the Christmas Performance tickets; her help has been invaluable.

Tickets for Years R to 4 have now gone home and tickets for years 5 and 6 should come home later this week. We do have some tickets still available for some of the performances so please speak to one of the office team if you would like extra tickets.

### Applying for a school place in Reception

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2020, you are welcome to come along to our school tour. The tour will last approximately one hour. Please telephone the school on 01256 346111 to book your place:

**Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am**





## We're excited to be running our St Mark's Careers Fair again!

We are putting on the fair because we want our children to:

- be inspired by what people do in both business and charity work
- become aware of the range of jobs available in life, including running your own business or working for companies and organisations
- begin to think about what they might like to do
- see how what we do in school prepares them for later on in life



## What will it look like?

During the mornings of **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February**, our hall will be transformed into a careers fair. The children will be visiting the different stands, talking to the adults from the various business and organisations on show. Parents are welcome to tour the stands with their children (time slots will be announced soon, but it will be no later than 11:30am). Some stands will have practical demonstrations and even freebies!

Leading up to the careers fair, children will be thinking about the world of work. The careers fair will then be a great opportunity to liaise with adults in the world of work. The careers fair is for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

## We need your help!

**Would your business or organisation be able to run a stand on either or both of the days of the career fair?**

Perhaps you work for a large or small company, run a business, work in the private or public sector, or are retired from a profession. Perhaps it's a charity or NGO. We would love for you to run a stall at our fair. We will supply a table and chairs, and electric points can be made available for a laptop or equipment. You are able to bring vertical banners, hands-on activities, leaflets and freebies, and can have one or more adults to help run the stall. We'll even provide refreshments. Remember, the purpose is to inspire pupils and engage with them in thinking about their aspirations.

To find out more and to register, visit

[www.stmarksprimary.net/cf](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/cf)





# Dates for your diary....

## NOVEMBER

20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATS information evening 6.30-7.15pm  
 27<sup>th</sup> - Bags to School  
 30<sup>th</sup> – Sat – FOSM Christmas Fair

## DECEMBER

12<sup>th</sup>- Year R Autumn Born Height/Weight & Hearing/Vision Programmes  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Project Outcome 9-10am  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch  
 20<sup>th</sup> - School finishes, 3:20pm

## CHRISTMAS!

### BOOKING TICKETS

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Yrs 3-6 Tickets returned

### PERFORMANCES - DECEMBER

Year R Nativity  
 Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10am  
 Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – 10am

### Year 1&2 Performance

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – 10am  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> - 10am  
 Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – 2pm

### Years 3&4 Carol Service & Choir

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – 2pm  
 Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – 2pm

### Years 5&6 Carol Service & Choir

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – 2pm  
 Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – 2pm  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm

## Spring and Summer Term

### INSET DAYS

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2020

### February Parents' Evenings

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 4-6pm  
 Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – 4-6:30pm  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – 5-7pm

### Year 6 Bikeability

Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – 2pm  
 Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – 2pm  
 Mar 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm

### Year 6 SATS Week

W/B 11<sup>th</sup> May – No absences!

Sports Day – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
 Reserve(!) – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Photos – 17<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Production- 14<sup>th</sup> July 7pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm and 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Disco  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 Leavers Service

Our theme this term is...

Don't forget to let love in!

You are special just as you are.



## Term Dates - Autumn 2019

Last day of term – Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:20pm

### Spring 2020

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

### Summer 2020

Term Starts – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April  
 May Half Term – W/B 25<sup>th</sup> May  
 (INSET Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June)  
 Last day of term – 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 3:20pm

## Upcoming FoSM Events

### Autumn Term:

15<sup>th</sup> Nov – FoSM Non-Uniform day (Donation: for Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Swap)

27<sup>th</sup> Nov- Bags to School

### Spring Term:

20<sup>th</sup> Jan –World Book Day costumes drop off (details to follow)

31<sup>st</sup> Jan- World Book Day Costume Swap (details to follow)

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Disco

13<sup>th</sup> Mar- Cake Sale

28<sup>th</sup> Mar- Easter Egg Hunt

### Summer Term:

15<sup>th</sup> May – School Disco

19<sup>th</sup> Jun- Non-Uniform Day (Donations for Summer Fun Day)

27<sup>th</sup> Jun- FoSM Summer Fun Day



## DID YOU KNOW??!!



Our afterschool club has great features, including:

1. No deposit required. Simply pay as you go.
2. Bookings are online, quick and easy.  
[stmarksprimary.net/scl](http://stmarksprimary.net/scl)
3. You can book the night before – no need to book weeks in advance, but you can do that too!
4. Children can attend after school clubs, and then go to SCL when they finish – and also pay a reduced rate.
5. There is plenty of space, and the club is financially secure. It's here to stay.
6. An afternoon snack and meal are provided.
7. Activities at SCL are varied and fun.
8. Cost is £12/session, or £9 if attending later because of a school club.
9. Hours are 3:20pm to 6pm.
10. Child care vouchers are accepted!
11. The children love it!

## Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates



[www.stmarksprimary.net/hire](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/hire)

### 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-markscfe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-markscfe.hants.sch.uk) for more information.

### Bags to School

Thank you for your generous donations so far! Due to a lack of storage space at school, please can we ask you not to bring in your Bags2School before pick up on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** or drop off on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.

### Well Done!

Last weekend, Riaz travelled to Blackpool to the National Dance Finals, after qualifying in May in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the whole of the South East.

Riaz competed in “freestyle rock n roll” and was recalled twice, meaning she danced in 3 rounds!!

Riaz is now ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the whole of the country for her age group. What an amazing achievement!! Well done Riaz 😊



### Children in Need



Thank you to all of those who kindly donated to Children in Need on Friday. We managed to raise a fantastic £421.42, thank you for your generosity.

### Packed Lunches

Please could we remind parents that we are a **nut free** school and no items containing **nuts** or **any** chocolate spread should be included in packed lunches. Thank you for your understanding.



### Train to be a teacher!

Visit [www.stmarksprimary.net/aspire-train-to-teach](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/aspire-train-to-teach)

Find out more about applying at practical, information sessions, which are all happening at Overton Primary School:

6pm to 7pm – Monday 18 Nov

8am-9am – Tuesday 3 Dec

6pm to 7pm – Monday 20 Jan





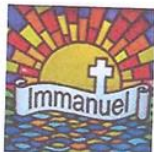
# Advent Activity Day

Saturday 23rd November  
10am - 12noon

Christmas crafts & fun for  
all ages\*

Immanuel Church  
Danebury Rd,  
Hatch Warren, RG22 4US.

*\*Children will need to be accompanied*



FREE event for families

# Messy Christmas

7 December, 3-5pm

Hatch Warren Community Centre,  
Long Cross Lane, RG22 4XF

Come along and get ready for Christmas with festive crafts and songs.

- Design your own eco-friendly wrapping paper
- Make a decoration for your Christmas tree
- Refreshments with finger food

To book a place contact:

Rev May at [revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk](mailto:revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk) or

Rev Nicola Such at [office@saintmarks.org.uk](mailto:office@saintmarks.org.uk)

