



## News Update – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November



### Our FOSM Christmas Fair is *this Saturday!* **30<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-2pm**

Our plans for the Christmas Fayre are well underway; there will be stalls selling various Christmas themed goodies, games to play, crafts to make and visits to Santa! In preparation of this we are asking Parents/Carers for their generous support and if you are having a clear out before Christmas and are happy to donate them, please could we have **good condition unwanted children books, toys** or adult books. We will be collecting your donations on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Please bring them in to the school office.



#### A message from Mr Applegate

A huge thank you in advance for your generosity at our Christmas Fair. It means so much to our school. And of course a massive thank you to our FOSM team, who work tirelessly for this fantastic event!

### Star learners!

Well Done to:

- ★ Year R-Claudia, Jamie, Bailey, Armaan
- ★ Year 1-Lottie N, Amber, Ethan
- ★ Year 2- Annabelle, Ayden, Bethany
- ★ Year 3- Alexis, Dylan R, Ethan
- ★ Year 4- Emily, Mason, Ethan
- ★ Year 5- Skye, Bela, Sophie Wi
- ★ Year 6- Sam C, Isla, Molly M

#### Year 6 SATS Information Evening

The presentation from the Year 6 SATs evening is available on the Year 6 section of our website.

There was an excellent turnout to the evening. Thank you.

#### Class Attendance

Well done to classes 1J & 2T with 98% attendance and 6P with 99.68% 😊

#### World Kindness Day

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated World Kindness Day by becoming Secret Kindness Agents. It was a fantastic day and the children all enjoyed their secret missions. Here are some things that were said about the day:

"It has been really good fun. I gave a nice smile to my person and when she asked me to do my funniest face I did." Jackson Year 1

"It's been really exciting. I played with my person when I don't normally. We both played with my other friends. It made me feel really happy." Bethany Y2

"It was quite hard at first as I was torn between playing with my friends and showing my person kindness. In the end I encouraged them in their learning and picked up their pencil and ruler when they dropped it. It made me feel happy that I had helped that person. I would definitely like to do it again" Harry Year 3

"It's been a nice day as everyone is being really kind. I've been sent a lovely card which made me feel warm inside and I felt special." Poppy Year 4

"I got a special note which made me feel included and not left out. I was happy and know I've got friends I can trust." Lexie Year 4

"It was difficult at times as my person was on the other side of the classroom so I had to be creative about how I was going to show them kindness. I was able to help her put all the dictionaries away and I felt relieved I could show kindness. I've seen lots of people being kind to each other today." Daniel Year 5

"It's been really good. I asked my person if his pencil needed sharpening and was also able to collect his books. I was so proud to be kind especially as I hadn't really spoken to him this year. We just hadn't had a proper conversation before today. I've seen so much kindness around like people giving out books and there have been so many smiles. It would be great to do it again. Keeley Year 6

Thank you to all the children and staff who took part. Let's continue to be kind!





## 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

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

## 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

Our theme this term is...

Don't forget to let love in!

You are special just as you are.



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS!

### 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

## Upcoming FoSM Events

### Autumn Term:

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!

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

## Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates

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



## Christmas Performance Tickets

Performance tickets for all year groups have now been sent home. If you have any tickets for the evening performances that you no longer require please return them to us as we have waiting lists for them. Thank you

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)



Join us this Christmas at  
Immanuel Church

Advent Activity Morning

23 November, 10am

Messy Christmas

7 December, 3pm

Christingle Service

8 December, 3pm

Blue Christmas

15 December, 6:30pm

Carols at Café in the Park

19 December, 6:30pm

Nativity

22 December, 10am

Carols by Candlelight

22 December, 6pm

Crib Service

24 December, 3pm

Midnight Service

24 December, 11:30pm

Christmas Day Service

25 December, 10am

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Immanuel Church, Hatch Warren, Basingstoke RG22 4US  
(The Church is at St Mark's CofE School)