



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 4th November

A message from Mr Applegate

I trust you've had a great half term break. On the October INSET day, we worked hard at revamping our library books. There is still much to do, and our library is closed for a short while. Please don't worry if your child doesn't come home with a new library/banded book for a few days. Good luck to our Y6 pupils who go on residential this week. And don't forget the World Diabetes Day photo! Thank you, and have a great week ☺
Mr Applegate

Class Attendance

Well done to Puffins with 99.55% attendance and 3BE with 100% ☺

Star learners!

Well Done to:



Year R- Alfie, Henry, Aria
Year 1- Marley, Meredith, Summer
Year 2- Laila, Peter, Harry S
Year 3- Harry S, Ronnie, Thomas
Year 4-Thomas, Max B, Callen

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
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!

Cycling Safety- New School Rules

Having reviewed the safety of our children and pedestrians, we now ask the following. Thank you for your co-operation in this:

The children who cycle with no parent/carer present must now line up along the fence by the Year 6 gate when they arrive, and wait for the other parents and children to go through the gate at 8:30am before going in themselves.

All children must wear a helmet to school if they are cycling. Other year groups will be informed of this too. Please do speak to me if this is a problem.



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.

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.

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



Ofsted
Good rating

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



world diabetes day
14 November

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 a 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?

Help for parents

I think my child has mental health issues

Keeping your child safe online

The Ark - Pastoral Team

HeartSmart

Keeping your child safe on the roads

Help choosing a new book

Read Write Inc Phonics – Learning to Read

Online Games, including Fortnite

NHS advice on childhood illnesses

Head Lice Advice

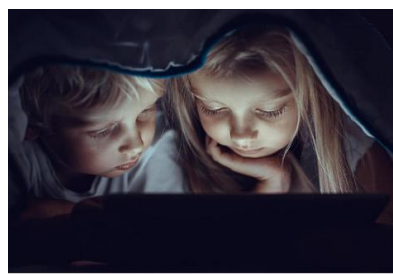
The Underwear Rule – A guide for Parents

Have you seen these pages on parents' menu on our website?

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? >



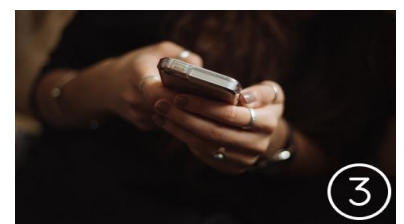
Parental controls and filtering >

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

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
 27th - Bags to School
 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

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

Our theme this term is...

**Don't forget to let
love in!**

You are special just as you are.



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

Poppy Appeal



Poppies will be on sale at school this week. The Year 5 children will take them round to classes in the afternoons.

We also have a limited selection of erasers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers and reflector poppies that will be available from the Main Hall at morning break on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donations for these items is between 50p and £1

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.

Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates

www.stmarksprimary.net/hire

A Big Thank You

A huge thank you to Reuben's mum in Puffins class, who donated £200 of stationary vouchers from her work. We are really grateful!

School Library

From our recent survey, a number of parents commented about books that go home, including improving the choice of books, frequency of changing them, and the variety of banded books.

On our INSET day, we started work towards improving our reading books, and we're revamping the selection of books and organisation of banded books.

Unfortunately our library will therefore be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and we'll reopen Wednesday. Your child may not have a set book until later in the week. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Your child has already been given a leaflet for this appeal. 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.

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**

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.

Bags to School

Please do not return your Bags to School before pick up on **Tuesday 26th November** or drop off on **Wednesday 27th November**.

This is due to lack of storage space at the school to hold onto any bags prior to these dates.

Thank you for your co-operation.

