



St Mark's CofE Primary School

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Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

News Update – Monday 2nd December

A message from Mr Applegate

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our Christmas fair was a brilliant event, kick-starting the festive season. Our FOSM team and volunteers are just amazing, and pull the event together. So much hard work is put in on the day, and the weeks beforehand. Our choir were angelic! And Mrs Boyle's hard work in helping Santa's Grotto come to St Mark's was immense. Thank you everyone.

Thank you for your generosity of time and money. The initial count shows we've raised a significant amount, but there are still calculations to do. We'll let you know the total next week. We are aiming to raise over £13,000 to replenish our book stock across the school. 'Grow a pound' is coming soon! Have a great week. Mr Applegate

A huge thank you to B&Q for donations of 2 large Christmas trees! One for the school, and the other for our Christmas fair. ☺

Fantastic Causes

See our website to watch a brief video about how we are supporting Raising Hope Foundation and Basingstoke Camrose Centre this Christmas!



Star learners!

Well Done to:

- Year R- Alyssa, Noah K, Edward
- Year 1- Elsa, Jack T, Jack N
- Year 2- Zachary R, Jeffrey, Cody
- Year 3- Charlie T, Neve, Jessica
- Year 4- Jessica W, Isobelle, Oscar
- Year 5- Madison, Sofie, Harriet
- Year 6- Jemima, Nash, Taeg, Amalie

Class Attendance

Well done to Puffins class with 97.86% attendance last week and 4SH who achieved 100% ☺

Christmas Cards!

If your child would like to use the St Mark's postal service to send Christmas cards to other children, the service will start this week. The post box will be outside the main hall.



Please ensure the full name and class of the child receiving the card is clearly marked on the envelope. Unfortunately we are unable to give out our class lists.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club accounts

Please can we remind parents that there shouldn't be debts on dinner money and breakfast club accounts. If you use these facilities we would be grateful if you could ensure that there is always sufficient money available to cover any costs.

Tempest Photography

We have been advised by a number of parents that they are not happy with the quality of their photos. Please contact Tempest direct on 01736 751555 if you have any queries regarding your order.

We are looking into the possibility of using another company and will notify parents if this happens.

DIY SOS! Can your company help us?

We have 2 simple kitchens (straight forward in shape & design) that really need gutting and redoing. Do you know someone who could help us with one or both? We wonder if there are some 'DIY SOS' companies that could really help us out. Do get in touch if you can. (Note- it's not a DIY job and skilled trades are needed!).

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





We're excited to be running our St Mark's Careers Fair again!
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February, 9-11:30am

To find out more and to register, visit
www.stmarksprimary.net/cf

REGISTER NOW



👉 Bringing in items for break and lunch 👈

A **trial** initiative brought to us by our school council, to help children to socialise and have more to do.

Items **must** be: small; not at all valuable (might be broken!); not be related to fighting; not be traded/swapped, and fit alongside our values.

Your child has an allocated day each week, so don't bring something in each day!

Examples of items that would be allowed	Examples of items that would not be allowed
Hot Wheels style cars Top Trumps Puzzle / Colouring books Marbles Travel games (e.g. magnetic Draughts) Small dolls/animals Reading Books Figurines (e.g. comic book characters) Skipping ropes (in special area)	Skateboards, scooters etc Guns, swords Footballs or other balls Games/toys that involve water Make-up Frisbees (due to space) Pets Nintendo DS, PSP, DVD Players Tablet computers or mobile phones Trading Cards (e.g. Match Attax)
If you are unsure, just ask!	



Dates for your diary....

DECEMBER

6th - Year 4 Project Outcome**
12th - Year R Autumn Born
 Height/Weight & Hearing/Vision
 Programmes
18th - Y5 Project Outcome
 9-10am
19th - Christmas Lunch
20th - School finishes, 3:20pm
 ** New date added

Term Dates - Autumn 2019

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

Year 4 Project Outcome

Year 4 will be presenting their new
 settlements in their classrooms on
Friday 6th December at
2:30pm. Please enter through the
 school office. Thank you.

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

CHRISTMAS!

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

Our theme this term is...

Don't forget to let love in!

You are special just as you are.



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

Upcoming FoSM Events

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:

5th June –School Disco **
19th Jun- Non-Uniform Day (Donations for Summer Fun Day)
27th Jun- FoSM Summer Fun Day

** Please note change of date



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!

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.

Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates



www.stmarksprimary.net/hire

Community Centre Car Park

Unfortunately, we have received more complaints about how parents use this car park.

In particular, a number of cars have been seen driving through the "no entry" This is dangerous, especially as it's very busy in the car park during the mornings and afternoons.

Could we please ask all parents to observe the road signs and be considerate of other road users.

Thank you for your understanding.

A message from FOSM

Your FOSM committee - at the FOSM AGM a couple of changes were agreed. Firstly a massive thank you to our outgoing chair, Nicky Fisher and secretary, Karen O'Neill who have made FOSM fundraising records for three years.

Both Nicky and Karen carry on as committee members and made a huge contribution to the Christmas fayre! It was like they hadn't left those roles! Thank you!

We said goodbye to Sara Dawson and Nickie Mulliner who both worked hard to make events great. Thank you!

Helen Cockburn stays as Treasurer and we welcome Kaylie Smith and Cherie Parker as Chair with Emma Bryant as Secretary. Big shoes to fill but making an excellent start.

We also welcome three new members to the committee, Cheryl Stoneman, Sarah Fisher and Caroline Meek.

If you too would like to volunteer, please email Secretary@friendsofstmarks.org. You can follow FOSM on our Facebook page -Friends of St Mark's. Thank you



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



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

For details of all our services see:

www.immanuelhwb.co.uk

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