



News Update – Monday 9th December

A message from Mr Applegate

There have been so many highlights over the past week. Our KS1 choir concert was delightful, with the children magically beginning the festive season. Our Year 4 children hosted the outcome of their project, "Basingstoke: Past, Present and Future", which was well attended by family and friends. Well done to our Year R children, who after 12 weeks at school have not only settled in well, but have also performed the Nativity – helping us understand the reason why so many people celebrate Christmas. And we had a mid-week theatre trip to The Mayflower to watch 'Nativity'. Years 1-6 have been practicing their Christmas events, and you are in for a treat if you are able to attend.

Can I echo FOSM's note from last week, and say a huge thank you to Nicky Fisher and Karen O'Neil – our outgoing chair and secretary. They have been brilliant, and our whole school owes them a debt of gratitude for all that they have given. Thank you.

Winter is here – and even snow at some point

Whatever the weather reports say, we'll be prepared. Our principle is that we always try to remain open. We'll text, email and use our website to keep everyone posted as soon as we can. We may ask for help digging out our school, too. And always have a backup child-care plan in place in case we have to close for any reason. Thank you.



Star learners!

Well Done to:

Year R-Kayla, Harrison, Tyler

Year 4- Daisy C, Darcy, Ryan

Year 6- Daniel T, James F, Bhaswati



Class Attendance

Well done to class 2B with 98% attendance last week and class 5F with 99% 😊

Christmas Cards!

The Christmas Post box is now in use 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.



Christmas Events – Reminders

It's a busy season, and we all know that parking is limited at school and in the surrounding areas. Thank you for making a real effort to respect the traffic flow, local residents, and parking laws.

Let's spread Christmas cheer by keeping the roads clear!

Christmas Jumpers

Children can wear Christmas jumpers, or a Christmas decoration, on our Christmas lunch day. This is on **Thursday 19th December** (note, NOT Fri 13th). Please don't buy anything especially though!



Lost Scooter

One of our children has lost their scooter, which was left in the scooter rack.

Could you please check your child hasn't taken it home by mistake. It is black with wheels that light up. I Sporter is written on the side.

Thank you





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

We recycle!

Next week, we have our St Mark's Christmas lunch. Sainsbury's are kindly donating Christmas crackers for the event. We recycle as much of the cracker as we can – even the toys are put to good use!



The gift of reading

If you give presents at Christmas, why not consider the gift of reading? We'd love to see our children even more 'wrapped up' in reading.

Finding books can be tricky.

To help, just use the book finder

www.stmarksprimary.net/books



👉 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!

PLEASE NAME THE ITEMS!

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

12th - Year R Autumn Born Height/Weight & Hearing/Vision Programmes

17th – Year 2 Project Outcome

8.30-9am **

18th - Y5 Project Outcome

9-10am

19th - Christmas Lunch

20th - School finishes, 3:20pm

**New Date added

CHRISTMAS!

PERFORMANCES – DECEMBER

Year 1&2 Performance

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

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

Our theme this term is...

Don't forget to let love in!

You are special just as you are.



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

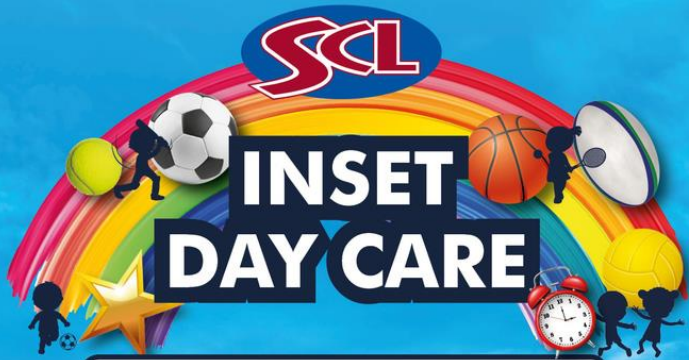
** Please note change of date

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ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE:
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020

TIMES:
09:45 - 16:00 STANDARD DAY
08:00 - 18:00 EXTENDED DAY

PRICE:
£26 STANDARD, £30 EXTENDED

FOR:
ALL PUPILS OF ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



BOOK ONLINE NOW, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

wearescl.co.uk/parents/inset-day-childcare



ABOUT SCL

We believe that children should have access to quality extra-curricular activities during their primary school years. We also understand the positive impact that these clubs can have on the lives of young people. We work with over 130 primary schools and nurseries and our Inset Days allow you to relax in the knowledge that your child is happy and engaged in learning a new sport or skill.

SCL COACHES ARE:

- ✓ Qualified Childcare Professionals
- ✓ Enhanced DBS checked
- ✓ Paediatric First Aid Qualified
- ✓ Fully Insured
- ✓ Child Safeguarding Trained

SCL's INSET Day Activities provide stress-free, quality childcare for working parents while teachers are fulfilling INSET commitments. Designed for children aged 4-11 years, the programmes are action-packed, fun and engaging. They are also a great opportunity for children to try new activities and meet new friends.

Example activities include:

Nature A-Z, Team Trekking, Team Games, Uni-Hockey, Crazy Cricket, Football, arts & crafts, Hide and Seek and Duck-Duck Goose.



BENEFITS TO CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Children will be engaged in a fun and educational programme, happy and having fun with friends. Parents will have the benefit of affordable and flexible childcare during school Inset Days, safe in the knowledge that their children will be learning and having fun in a safe environment.



Creating a legacy in the communities we serve.

CONTACT US

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TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
Hurry!
Space is Limited!

BOOK NOW FOR JAN' 2020

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

FRIDAY'S
3.20PM - 4.20PM
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

MULTI-GAMES

FOOTBALL



MULTI-GAMES (YRS 1 - 6)

FOOTBALL (YRS 1 - 6)

EVERYONE MUST PRE REGISTER, SPACES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE CLUB.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW

SPACES WILL BE STRICTLY FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!!

LEARNINGTHROUGHSPORT.CO.UK/ST-MARKS

£3.50
A SESSION



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 Coff School)