



## News Update – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### A message from Mr Applegate

Haven't the children been amazing recently?! With choir singing at Church Cottage residential home, and the beautiful singing and performing by all year groups in school, it really has been a wonderful start to Christmas, and a great end to the school year. I am incredibly proud of our community.

Our FOSM fundraising total is in. Through all of our activities, you've raised an amazing £5,155.48!!!! Absolutely brilliant – thank you for being so generous with your time, and particularly to our FOSM team who made this possible. We are raising money for much needed school books, and have placed our first order for the books to be ready for the New Year. Thank you. Again a plea- these events don't happen by themselves and we are in need of FOSM helpers and members, so if you can help in anyway, simply contact the school or search for the FOSM page on Facebook.

This week holds the remaining performances, as well as Christmas lunch on Thursday. A reminder that we finish at 3:20pm on Friday, and we return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. On behalf of our staff and governors, may I wish you and your family a very peaceful Christmas. Let's take time out of busy life to enjoy the special things – and people – in our lives, and to look out for others in need. Mr Applegate.

### Class Attendance

Well done to class 1J with 99.33% attendance last week and class 4EH with 98.62% 😊

### Spring Term After School Clubs

You are now able to apply online for your child's place in our after school clubs starting in January 2020.

Please note the links are (case sensitive):

[www.stmarksprimary.net/ks1springtermclubs](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/ks1springtermclubs)

[www.stmarksprimary.net/ks2springtermclubs](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/ks2springtermclubs)

Every effort will be made to allocate your child with their first choice club, but as many are over subscribed, they may be offered their second or third choice instead.

**The Autumn clubs finished last week, so there will not be any clubs running this week.**

### Christmas Jumpers/Party Clothes

Please note your child can wear Christmas Jumpers or party clothes to the Christmas lunch and class parties on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**



### Star learners!

#### Well Done to:

- ★ Year R-Evie, Amber, Emily
- ★ Year 1 –Olivia, Poppy, Amneet
- ★ Year 2- George P, Jakob, Amelia
- ★ Year 3 –Finley, Rosie, Iremide
- ★ Year 4- Dylan, Igor, Adam Y
- ★ Year 5- Keeleigh, Charlotte F, Oscar P-E
- ★ Year 6- Josh W, Toby R, Brandon

### A message from our Lollypop Team

Could you please mention to those who cycle to school that this time of year it is not only advisable to wear a helmet at all times but also to have a light on their bikes. Recently mornings and evenings were particularly dark and children do need to be visible, especially on Woodbury Road where traffic speeds are often unacceptable? Ideally children would be wearing something fluorescent over their dark winter coats even if it was only an armband. I do congratulate the parents who dress their children in bright colours during the winter! Thank you!





# Dates for your diary....

## DECEMBER

- 17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 Project Outcome  
8.30-9am
- 18<sup>th</sup>** - Y5 Project Outcome  
9-10am
- 19<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup>** - School finishes, 3:20pm

## CHRISTMAS!

### PERFORMANCES – DECEMBER

- Years 3&4 Carol Service & Choir**  
**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

## 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

## 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](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/books)



## Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum

As a staff, we've reflected on our termly 'certificate' system, and have decided that there are better ways to encourage our children. Ultimately, it was the perceived idea of judging a child's character. We all have strengths and challenges, but we don't want children saying to themselves "I'm not as good as that child, and I'll never be." All children are making progress in different areas, and categorising this is difficult! They also have different characters and circumstances in life. Equally, we know the importance of not missing out children who regularly do the right thing, with great attitudes. We do celebrate children every day, in a variety of ways. *We'll be adapting our termly report to reflect this, and thereby encouraging all children. Reports are out after Christmas.*

## Upcoming FoSM Events

### 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:

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

\*\* Please note change of date






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Join us this Christmas



Immanuel Church

[www.immanuelhwb.co.uk](http://www.immanuelhwb.co.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

# Follow The Star



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



CAREERS FAIR @ ST MARK'S

What are your aspirations?

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

**REGISTER NOW**



# INSET DAY CARE

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



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