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Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

News Update – Monday 11th November

A message from Mr Applegate

I'm so proud of our pupils. In particular, our Year 6 pupils went on their residential last week, and demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout. The PGL staff and our own staff have confirmed just how good they were – and how much fun they had! Further, Elliot and DJ, with help from Miss Goddard, represented St Mark's at the Basingstoke Remembrance Service yesterday. Other St Mark's pupils represented Scouts, Brownies and other organisations. We had our own school service this morning. We will never forget the sacrifice others made, and continue to make, in order for us to enjoy peace and freedom. Have a great week. Mr Applegate ☺

Class Attendance

Well done to class 2T with 99.67% attendance and 5T with 99.03% ☺

Star learners!

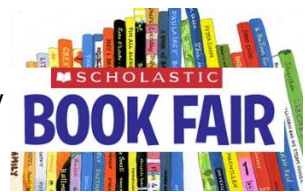
Well Done to:

- ★ Year R-Avani, Alex, Lola
- ★ Year 1-Ruby, Charlotte, Bella
- ★ Year 2-Elodie, Vinnie, Lara
- ★ Year 3-Leighton, Dylan J, Amelia
- ★ Year 4-Ollie M, Isobel, Phoebe
- ★ Year 5-Teagan, Archie, Rafferty
- ★ Year 6 – Josh Ro, Harriet, Will C

Book Fair – Wed 13th – Fri 15th November

Lunchtime or after school!

Children should bring money in named purse, wallet, or envelope.



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 26th November** or drop off on **Wednesday 27th November**. Thank you.

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!

National Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week

We are going to change the world with kindness, starting with a secret mission!

Wednesday 13th November is National Kindness Day and each child is going to become a Secret Kindness Agent (SKA for short!) Each child is going to be assigned another child in their class and given the secret mission of improving that child's day through acts of kindness – but they cannot give away their identify!

Can the children correctly identify their SKA by the end of the day? How successful are our agents going to be?



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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





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



Dates for your diary....

NOVEMBER

13th-15th – Book Fair
 14th – Christmas Cards deadline
 1pm **
 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

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 Dates added

CHRISTMAS!

BOOKING TICKETS

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.



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

Upcoming FoSM Events

Autumn Term:

15th Nov – FoSM Non-Uniform day (Donation:
 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



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.

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**

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.

Christmas Cards

Please note the deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Cards is **1pm on Thursday 14th November**. We regret the printers have advised we are **unable** to accept **any** orders beyond this date.

Due to a printing error 5F are showing as 5B, this can be rectified on your child's order form.

Packed Lunches

Please could we remind parents that we are a **nut free** school and no items containing **nuts** or **any** chocolate spread should be included in packed lunches. Thank you for your understanding.



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



Hire Our Facilities!

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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.



Please avoid parking in a way which forces pedestrians on the roads. Thank you.