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.

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!

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.

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?
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
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- 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 **
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**New Dates added**

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**Dates for your diary….**

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**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

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**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
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 CoE 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.

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.

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.

Hire Our Facilities!

Great Spaces, Excellent Rates

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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.