Our FOSM Christmas Fair is this Saturday!
30th November, 11am-2pm

Our plans for the Christmas Fayre are well underway; there will be stalls selling various Christmas themed goodies, games to play, crafts to make and visits to Santa! In preparation of this we are asking Parents/Carers for their generous support and if you are having a clear out before Christmas and are happy to donate them, please could we have good condition unwanted children books, toys or adult books. We will be collecting your donations on Friday 29th November 2019. Please bring them in to the school office.

A message from Mr Applegate
A huge thank you in advance for your generosity at our Christmas Fair. It means so much to our school. And of course a massive thank you to our FOSM team, who work tirelessly for this fantastic event!

Star learners!
Well Done to:

Year R - Claudia, Jamie, Bailey, Armaan
Year 1 - Lottie N, Amber, Ethan
Year 2 - Annabelle, Ayden, Bethany
Year 3 - Alexis, Dylan R, Ethan
Year 4 - Emily, Mason, Ethan
Year 5 - Skye, Bela, Sophie Wi
Year 6 - Sam C, Isla, Molly M

Year 6 SATS Information Evening
The presentation from the Year 6 SATs evening is available on the Year 6 section of our website. There was an excellent turnout to the evening. Thank you.

Class Attendance
Well done to classes 1J & 2T with 98% attendance and 6P with 99.68% 😊

World Kindness Day
On Wednesday 13th November we celebrated World Kindness Day by becoming Secret Kindness Agents. It was a fantastic day and the children all enjoyed their secret missions. Here are some things that were said about the day:

“It has been really good fun. I gave a nice smile to my person and when she asked me to do my funniest face I did.” - Jackson Year 1

“It’s been really exciting. I played with my person when I don’t normally. We both played with my other friends. It made me feel really happy.” - Bethany Y2

“It was quite hard at first as I was torn between playing with my friends and showing my person kindness. In the end I encouraged them in their learning and picked up their pencil and ruler when they dropped it. It made me feel happy that I had helped that person. I would definitely like to do it again” - Harry Year 3

“It’s been a nice day as everyone is being really kind. I’ve been sent a lovely card which made me feel warm inside and I felt special.” - Poppy Year 4

“I got a special note which made me feel included and not left out. I was happy and know I’ve got friends I can trust.” - Lexie Year 4

“It was difficult at times as my person was on the other side of the classroom so I had to be creative about how I was going to show them kindness. I was able to help her put all the dictionaries away and I felt relieved I could show kindness. I’ve seen lots of people being kind to each other today.” - Daniel Year 5

“It’s been really good. I asked my person if his pencil needed sharpening and was also able to collect his books. I was so proud to help put all the dictionaries away and I felt relieved I could show kindness. I’ve seen lots of people being kind to each other today.” - Keeley Year 6

Thank you to all the children and staff who took part. Let’s continue to be kind!

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
NOVEMBER
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

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

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.

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.

Upcoming FoSM Events

Autumn Term:
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
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.

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

Messy Christmas

FREE event for families

Hatch Warren Community Centre,
Long Cross Lane, RG22 4XF

7 December, 3–5pm

Come along and get ready for Christmas with festive crafts and songs.

• Design your own eco-friendly wrapping paper
• Make a decoration for your Christmas tree
• Refreshments with finger food

To book a place contact:
Rev May at revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk or
Rev Nicola Such at office@saintmarks.org.uk

Immanuel Church

Join us this Christmas at

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

For details of all our services see:
www.immanuelhwb.co.uk
Immanuel Church, Hatch Warren, Basingstoke RG22 4US
(The Church is at St Marks CoFE School)