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.

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!

Star learners!

Well Done to:

Year R - Kayla, Harrison, Tyler
Year 4 - Daisy C, Darcy, Ryan
Year 6 - Daniel T, James F, Bhaswati

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

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

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
- 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)  

**If you are unsure, just ask!**

### Examples of items that would not be allowed
- 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)
**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

### 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 June 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

#### 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 June- Non-Uniform Day (Donations for Summer Fun Day)
27th Jun- FoSM Summer Fun Day

** Please note change of date

### Our theme this term is...

Don’t forget to let love in!
You are special just as you are.

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ST MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE:
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020

TIMES:
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08:00 - 18:00 EXTENDED DAY

PRICE:
£26 STANDARD, £30 EXTENDED

FOR:
ALL PUPILS OF ST MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 nursery 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:
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Example activities include:
- Nature A-Z, Team Trekking, Team Games
- Disc Golf, Crazy Cricket, Football, arts & crafts, Hide and Seek and Duck-Duck Goose.

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.

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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!!

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