A message from Mr Applegate

It was wonderful to see over 60 parents and carers at each of the curriculum workshops last week. We hope you’ve found them informative and enjoyable. The slides will be on the website today.

Our website is full of information about our school, and also to support parents. Could be worth taking a fresh look around.

Do you have clothes you want to get rid of? Save them to help raise money for the school. We will let you know the date to bring them to school soon.

This week, we are thinking about organisations and people who use their power (words and actions) for good. We also celebrate Harvest on Monday. Thank you for your donations, which will go to Foodbank.

Have a great week! ☺️ Mr Applegate

Curriculum Workshops - a new format!

Instead of running ‘curriculum evening’ sessions in September, we are holding exciting new curriculum workshops! Format is as follows:

- **Drop-off – 9am** – join us for tea/coffee – Main Hall
- **9am – 9:30am** – Teacher-led session for parents: find out details about the year group and curriculum, with a focus on how maths is taught.
- **9:30am – 10am** – Join in a learning activity with your child, in their classrooms.

What are the dates for the workshops?
- **Tuesday 24th Sept – Year 3**
- **Thursday 26th Sept – Year 6**
- **Friday 27th Sept – Year 4**

Windmill Hill - PGL

**Year 6 Parents (for PGL 2019)**

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 24th September 6.15-7.00pm** to provide you with more information on the upcoming trip and to answer any questions you may have.

**Year 5 Parents (for PGL 2020)**

The year 6 team will be holding a “drop in” session on **Tuesday 1st October 3.30-6.45pm** to provide general information regarding Windmill Hill 2020. This will be held in the Year 6 classrooms.

Star learners!

- Well Done to:
  - Year 1: Nathan, Sophia, Matilda
  - Year 2: Ross, Cody, Finley
  - Year 3: Chloe G, Riker, Jaiden
  - Year 4: Madison P, Jessica R, Kai
  - Year 5: Ed, Scarlett S, Harri
  - Year 6: Amber, Leo, Poppy

Class Attendance

Well done to Puffins Class with 99.66 attendance last week and 3BE with 98.89 attendance 😊

Who is Boris?

Find out more at [www.stmarksprimary.net/heartsmart/](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/heartsmart/)

Language creates reality. Words have power. Speak always to create joy.

THE HEARTSMART HIGH FIVE...
at St Mark’s!

Don’t Forget to Let Love in! Too Much Selfie isn’t Healthy! Don’t Rub it in Rub it Out! Fake is a Mistake! ’No Way Through’ isn’t True!

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

**SEPTEMBER**
- 23rd Parents’ Eve Bookings Open
- 23rd Harvest Worship
- 24th Year 6 Windmill Hill meeting 6.15-7.00pm
- 27th: McMillan Coffee Morning at Immanuel Church 9am-12pm

**OCTOBER**
- 1st FOSM AGM All welcome 7pm
- 1st Year 5 Windmill Hill Drop in afternoon 3.30-6.45pm
- 4th - Y3 trip to Stonehenge
- 7th - School Photographs
- 14th Parents’ Eve Bookings Close
- 16th & 17th - Flu Immun. Yrs R-6
- 17th - Parent’s Evening 4-6pm
- 18th - FOSM Disco
- 21st - Parent’s Evening 4-6:30pm
- 22nd – Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement Programme **
- 22nd – Year 6 Rumble in the Jungle project outcome 2pm
- Parents invited**
- 23rd - Parent’s Evening 5-7pm
- 25th - INSET day
- 28th - 1st Nov Half Term

**NOVEMBER**
- 4th – 8th Y6 PGL Residential
- 15th – FOSM Non-Uniform Day
- 20th – Year 6 SATS information evening 6.30-7.15pm
- 30th – Sat – FOSM Christmas Fair

**DECEMBER**
- 19th - Christmas Lunch
- 20th - School finishes, 3:20pm

**Spring and Summer Term**

**INSET DAYS**
- Friday 25th Oct 2019
- 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 5th 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

**Key Dates for Secondary Schools**

**Brighton Hill School:**
- 30th Sept, 1st Oct, 2nd Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am
- 7th Oct: Open Evening 6-8pm
- 9th, 10th & 11th Oct: Open Mornings 9-11am.

Please call to book a place 01256 350606

**Aldworth School:**
- 25th Sept: Open Morning 8.45-11am

**Key Dates for Secondary Schools**

**CHRISTMAS!**

**BOOING TICKETS**
- Oct 7th - Ticket Bookings Open
- Nov 5th Ticket Bookings Close for Year R
- Nov 8th - Ticket Bookings Close for Years 1&2
- 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

**Term Dates**

**Autumn 2019**
- October Half Term – W/B 28th Oct
- 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 – Tues 2nd June
  (INSET Mon 1st June)
- May Half Term – W/B 25th May
- Last day of term – 22nd July, 3:20pm
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.

1. Thurs 3rd Oct 10:30am (Full)
2. Tues 8th Oct 2pm (Full)
3. Weds 16th Oct 10:30am (Full)
4. Mon 11th Nov 7pm
5. Tues 12th Nov 2pm
6. 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.

After School Care Club – Until 6pm

Available now!  
www.stmarksprimary.net/scl

Don’t forget our new After School Care Club with SCL is now up and running. Please visit our website or www.wearescl.co.uk to book your child’s place.

From Monday 16th September SCL will be holding some themed days:

Mondays will be Bagel Pizza Day
Your child will be able to make their own bagel pizza

Wednesdays will be Slime Day
The children will be making slime

Technology is confusing, but we can help!

We all want to help our children stay safe when using technology. But it’s not always easy to know how. Mobiles, tablets, game consoles, laptops, watches and more make it confusing!

In order for us to know how we can help you best, we’re asking parents to suggest areas or questions that they would like support with. Please visit www.stmarksprimary.net/confusing to complete our short survey. We’ll gather the responses, and put together a way to help out. Please submit your ideas/questions by October half-term. Thank you.

Please note there will be limited parking for this event, as the Community Centre and surrounding roads will not have any access. It is advised to walk wherever possible

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