A message from Mr Applegate
The children are working really hard at school, and it’s funny to think we have three weeks left till half term. We are proud of how they have settled in to the new school year.

Good luck to some of our Year 5 pupils, who take part in a table tennis tournament.

If you would like a reminder of the maths presentation given at the curriculum mornings, or what is happening in your child’s year group, don’t forget you can see the presentations and leaflets on our website. It’s just above our learning behaviours on the front page.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our up-coming parents evening. Remember it’s a 10minute slot. If you think you’ll need longer, please book a separate appointment. Have a great week 😊 Mr Applegate

Class Attendance
Well done to 2R with 98.75% attendance and to classes 3BE, 4T & 6C who all achieved 100% 😊

Reminder
Please can we remind parents that the side gates should be used at the beginning and end of the school day. The main entrance should only be used by parents who have permission to use the school car park.

Anyone wishing to speak to the office staff can access the office via the door leading from the playground.

Also, please note that due to how busy the school office is from 3:10pm onwards, we would ask that you give us a call before that time regarding any changes in pickup arrangements. This will enable us to get messages to classrooms before the end of the school day. Please do not email in changes - there is no guarantee that this will be checked in time. Thank you

Christmas Performance Tickets
The online booking system went live today at 8am. Please use the following links to book your tickets:
Year R – www.stmarksprimary.net/yearRchristmas
Years 1 & 2 www.stmarksprimary.net/1and2christmas
Years 3 & 4 www.stmarksprimary.net/3and4christmas
Years 5 & 6 www.stmarksprimary.net/5and6christmas

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.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Required
We are looking for a friendly, reliable and enthusiastic person to join our lunchtime team.

Hours of work are 11.45am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. You will be required to administer first aid, but training will be given. Please contact the school office for an application form or email adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information.

Unpaid Fees
Unfortunately we have a growing amount of unpaid dinner money and trip contributions. It also takes significant time from the office team to chase late payments. Please can we ask parents to double check on any money due.
Thank you for your help in this matter

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

Our FoSM team have some fantastic events planned for the school year:

**Autumn Term:**
- **18th Oct** – Disco
- **15th Nov** – FoSM Non-Uniform day (Donations 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

Key Dates for Secondary Schools

Brighton Hill School:
- **7th Oct**: Open Evening 6-8pm
- **9th, 10th & 14th Oct**: Open Mornings 9-11am

Please call to book a place 01256 350606

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
**After School Care Club – Until 6pm**
Available now!
www.stmarksprimary.net/scl

SCL do a variety of fun activities including the following:

Bug Hunts, Arts & Crafts, Lego Building, Pizza Bagel Night, Slime Making, Reading, Board Games/Focus Games, Healthy Snack, Outdoor Play, Structured and Free Play, Trains/Cars, Card Games

To book your child’s place, please visit www.wearescl.co.uk

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**Star learners!**
Well Done to:
Year R – Olivia H, Callan, Maya
Year 1 – Beatrice, Frankie, Joseph
Year 2 – Eleanor, Vince, Isla
Year 3 – Finley, Lucas, Harry A
Year 4 – Charlotte C, Poppy, Toby
Year 5 – Lottie, Lucas V, Leland, Daniel (5GP)
Year 6 – Sophie, Lola, Madison

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**Flu Vaccine Years R – 6**

A letter has been sent home regarding the Flu Vaccine to be administered 16/17th October. Please note you must return the form if you wish your child to be vaccinated. If you do not return the form, your child will not be included in the programme.

Please return the forms to the School Office no later than Wednesday 9th October, as the School Nurse will be collecting them on this date. Any forms returned after this date will not be included in the vaccination programme.

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**Christmas Jumper Swap**

FoSM have asked if your child has any Christmas Jumpers they no longer require or have outgrown, please donate them to FoSM on 15th November. They will then have a stall at the Christmas Fayre where you can buy children’s Christmas Jumpers.

Thank you 😊

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**FOSM SCHOOL DISCO**

We are still looking for volunteers to help run the disco. If you can help with KS1 from 4.45 or KS2 from 5.45, or both, please email secretary@friendsofstmarks.org
Your help enables these events to happen, lets the children have fun and raises funds for our children at St Mark’s.

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**Breakfast Club**

Please note Breakfast Club opens at 8am and the cost is £2.50. If your child arrives after 8.20am, the charge will be £1.00 without breakfast. The doors close at 8.25am with no admission after this time.

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**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.
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. Tues 8th Oct 2pm
2. Weds 16th Oct 10:30am
3. Mon 11th Nov 7pm
4. Tues 12th Nov 2pm
5. Fri 22nd Nov 10:30am

Parking

We received a phone call from a concerned resident regarding dangerous parking in Lapin Lane. Could we please remind all parents to be considerate to our neighbours and to only park where it is safe. Please do not obstruct driveways, paths or a road junction. Thank you for your continued support.

We post some photos that are emailed in so that parents think twice about parking in unsafe areas. This parking made children and families walk on the road, around a blind-spot, on a bend.

Parents’ Evening Booking System

Just a reminder that the link for booking your Parents’ Evening slot is www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmarks

This week

We’re learning how sometimes people can feel lonely or worried despite being part of a crowd. We’ll be thinking about how we can use our power of words, encouragement, and friendliness to make a difference to others.