



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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News Update – Monday 28th January 2019

A message from Mr Applegate

Our Careers Fair is coming soon, but we are still in need of support to run stalls – particularly from businesses involved in technology, science, engineering, sports, and more. We have a great selection of not-for-profit organisations. Could you help us? See later in our newsletter.

I recently read an interesting article about building resilience in children. Helping our children deal with stress and adversity can be easier than we think. Over the next few weeks, I'll share strategies from the article. **The first suggestion is to have one-on-one time with each child, without distractions.** Resilience comes from relationships, and children need nurturing. It's not a magical "inner strength" that helps children through tough times; instead, the reliable presence of supportive relationships, be it parent, teacher, relative, family friend or otherwise are key. Ten minutes of fully focused attention is better than an hour when your mind is on other things. If we're on our tablet at the dinner table, we're teaching them it's OK to always be distracted. Technology can hamper quality relationships. Make bathtime, car journeys, meals, queues, walks etc count. Once these one-to-ones become regular, your children will know they always have a safe space to open up. I've been challenged since thinking this through!

Have a great week!

An appeal from Mrs Tickle



If you are planning to de-clutter and have any good quality toys, such as Small World, Playmobil, Happyland, character figures, castle, farm or cars; please could you donate them to Year R?

Please note due to other donations, we already have plenty of books and puzzles.

Please bring your donations into Year R.

Thank you ☺

Year 3 & 4 Easter Production

Year 3&4 will be developing their performance skills as part of their learning after half term. You are invited to watch their production of 'He's Alive' which brings the Easter story to life.

The performances are: **Friday 29th March 2pm, Monday 1st April 6:30pm and Tuesday 2nd April 2pm. (apologies for previous error).**

To book your tickets please visit www.stmarksprimary.net/easterperformance you have until 9.00am on Friday 15th February to request your tickets!

Well done to....



- Year R – Cameron, Freyja, Zac C
- Year 1 – William, Ross, Ellie B
- Year 2 – James, Aarav, Tanisha
- Year 3 - Emily, Neve, Isobelle
- Year 4 – Daniel (4T), Ethan, Jack
- Year 5 – Leah, Maks, Freddy
- Year 6 – Ashton, Olivia, Skye, Lily R

Bottle Tops

Please note we are no longer collecting milk bottle tops.

We would like to thank you for your help with collecting these in the past ☺

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate
Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Cooper
Assistant Head: Mrs Nicola Ford
Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey



Parents' Evening Booking Instructions

The on-line booking system for parents evening will open on Monday 28th January at 8am. It closes on Friday 22nd February at 3pm.

Please see the instructions for booking. There is a booking wizard which you may find useful if you have more than one child at the school. Instructions are below. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 27 th February	4.00pm-6.30pm
Monday 4 th March	4.00pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 6 th March	5.00pm-7.00pm



Parents' Evening Booking System – Parents' Guide

1. Navigate to www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmarks from 8.00am on Monday 28th January.
2. Complete the form, entering the details as you would expect them to be stored in the School's records, e.g. Daniel rather than Dan. The system will check the details against the school's database and if there is a difference an error will be displayed at the top of the page.
3. On the next page you should see a box with the parents' evening dates listed. Click on either **Booking Wizard** (which you might find easier if you have more than one child at the school) or **Manual booking table**

Instructions if you choose **Manual booking table**

4. The next page will display the appointments available. To see all three dates you will need to scroll down the webpage. Choose your appointment and click on it. Select **Make Booking** to confirm your appointment. You should see your child's name in the appointment slot chosen. If you have made a mistake then you can cancel the appointment by clicking on your appointment and selecting Cancel Booking.
5. If you have another child at St Mark's you can make their appointment by clicking on 'Change Child' in the blue bar near the top of the screen. Note, you will not be able to make appointments in adjacent time slots, this is to allow you time to move between appointments.

Instructions if you choose **Booking wizard**

6. You will see you child or children's names on tabs in the middle of the screen. You will need to click on each child and click the box next to their teacher's name where it says add. Scroll down and on the blue section change the times and days for when you wish your bookings to be made.
7. Then click on Make my bookings for me. Then please follow on screen instructions to complete your booking.

We ask that only one parent accesses the site to make bookings. Your appointment(s) can be printed or emailed to you (if you entered your email address when you logged in) by selecting the appropriate buttons at the top of the page. If you have any problems logging in, click on the help button at the top of the screen. If you continue to have problems phone or email the school office. Thank you!



We're excited to be running the first ever St Mark's Careers Fair!

This term, we are thinking about aspirations. 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 **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February**, our hall will be transformed into a careers fair. The KS2 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 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, visit stmarksprimary.net/cf

To register to help, visit
stmarksprimary.net/help-at-cf





Dates for your diary....

Spring Term

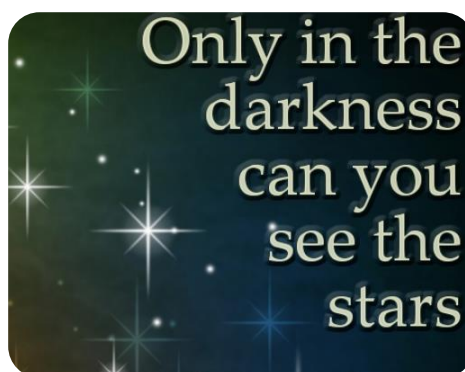
6th & 7th Feb – Yr R Weight & Measure, Hearing & Vision Programmes – Spring born children
 7th Feb – Year 1 “Toy Museum”
 13th & 14th Feb – KS2 Careers Fair
 15th Feb – Yr R Weight & Measure programme – Summer born children
 27th Feb, 4th & 6th March – Parents’ Evenings
 1st March – Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum
 29th March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm
 1st April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 6.30 pm
 2nd April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 6.30pm

INSET DAYS 2018 2019

Friday 5th Apr 2019
 Monday 3rd Jun 2019
 (not 1st July)

Summer Term

26th April – Spring Reports out
 13th May – Y6 SATs Week
 7th June – Sports Day
 14th June – Reserve Sports Day
 5th July – Transition Day
 12th July – Summer Reports out



Something to think about

FOSM



15th Feb – FOSM School Disco
 8th March – Cake Sale
 30th March Easter Egg Hunt (11am – 12pm)
 3rd May FOSM Summer Disco
 21st June – Non Uniform Day
 29th June- Summer Fun Day



FOSM SCHOOL DISCO



We are 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 school!

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Thank you



Water Bottles

HC3S are working to reduce their plastic waste and will no longer be providing disposable plastic cups for water at lunchtimes. Therefore, as of **Wednesday 6th February**, children will take their own water bottles into the school hall with them at lunchtimes.

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle into school each day and that it is clearly named. Water bottles are available to buy from the school office for £1.30 each.

Year 1 Toy Museum

Thursday 7th February is the Year 1 Toy Museum from 8.30 – 8.45. Parents are invited to bring their children into school at 8.30 and look around the “museum” then.

Please note lessons will begin at 8.45, as usual, on this day.



Birdwatch 2019

Saturday 16th February 2019

Help survey the meadow for birds and enjoy a winter walk and story with our experienced and enthusiastic outdoor learning tutor.

Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Please ensure you wrap up warmly.

Please email for further information.

Time: 10am – 12noon

Booking: outreach@hiwwt.org.uk

Location: St Marks Meadow

Meeting point: St Marks Meadow is at the Junction of Woodbury and Danebury Road, Hatch Warren in front of St Marks C of E School at RG22 4US.

Event charge: £6.50 per child