



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### A message from Mr Applegate

Thank you for your generous donations for RND – together we raised £809.34. Amazing!! And we helped the environment, too!

Well done to our KS1 and KS2 choirs, who both won 1<sup>st</sup> place at a local competition on Saturday- and our orchestra came 2<sup>nd</sup>! They are brilliant, and we are so proud of them.

Have a great week – Mr Applegate ☺

### Class Attendance

Well done to 1H with 99.3% attendance and 5GP who achieved 100% attendance last week. ☺

### Well Done to....



- Year R- Casey, Isabelle Ra, Max
- Year 1 –Sebastian, Theo S, Ayden
- Year 2- Kayla, Mofi, Noah W
- Year 3 –Aidan, Jack, Lottie H
- Year 4- Bela, Katie G, Edward E
- Year 5 –Amber, Summer B, Joshua R
- Year 6- Sam D, Thomas W, Daisy Joshua W

### Governor Profile – Graham Robins

I have been involved with the school in various roles since 1997 and as a governor since 2002, initially in a parent elected post, and from 2004 as a Foundation governor. I am closely involved with both Immanuel Church and with St Marks, Kempshott, and also in roles with the Winchester Diocese. During my time as a governor I have chaired all of the committees at various times, and was Chair of Governors from 2013 to 2018.

I initially joined the governing body to assist with, and oversee, the extension of the school from a one form entry to the current three form entry, with particular interest in the early years and the year 6 suite of rooms and the Bridge facility, as Chair of the Premises committee. I continue to have a role in maintaining the high Christian ethos in the school and the school's close links with Immanuel church. Having retired from a global financial group where I was a senior manager in audit and investigations, covering Europe and the Middle East, I am now involved as a senior exams invigilator with a local secondary school, and undertake voluntary work with the church.

My other interests include singing, travelling, walking, reading, and of course, my family and household including two dogs and four cats.



### After School Care Club – Until 6pm Coming soon

We are excited to announce that SCL will be providing an after school care club starting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June here at St Mark's.

Hatch Warren After School Club will still run as usual but as their spaces can be limited we felt another provision would be extremely beneficial to our parents looking for after school care. Parents often ask if we run our own provision. Running this club at school also has the added benefit of bringing in additional funds which will help us to continue to provide resources for our children.

Flyers with all the information will be sent home shortly and we hope lots of parents will take advantage of this new arrangement.



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





# Road Safety Special!

[www.stmarksprimary.net/roadsafety](http://www.stmarksprimary.net/roadsafety)

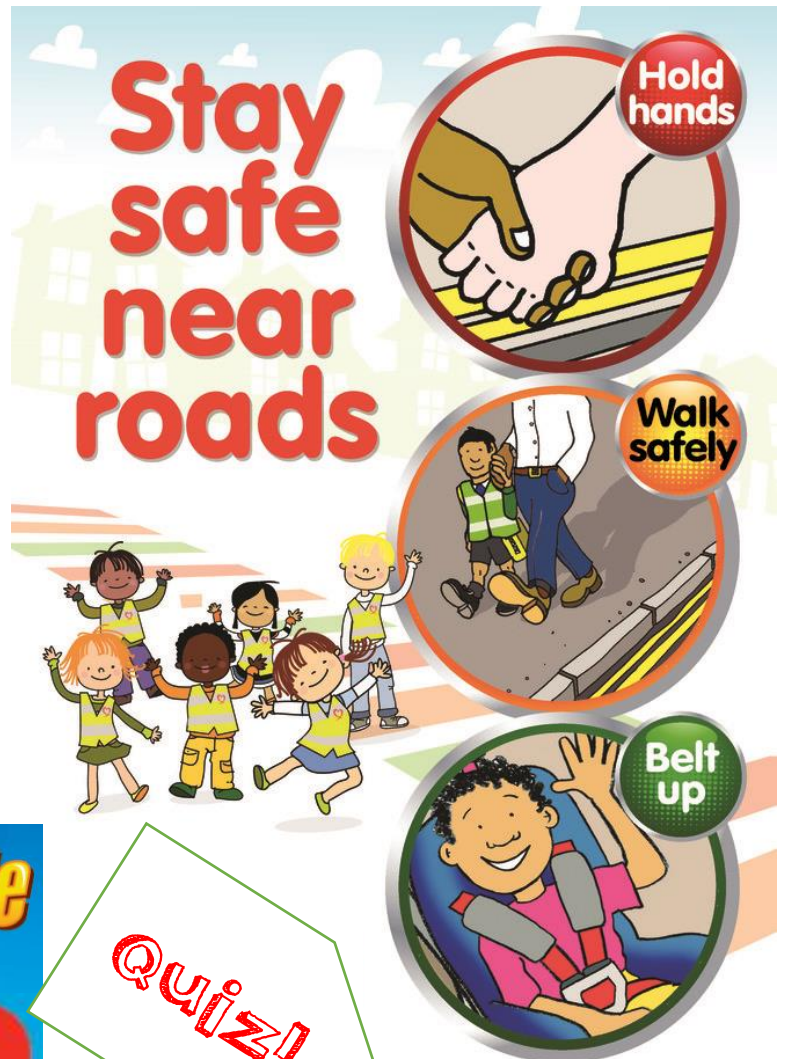
It's always a good time to remind your child to be safe when walking, cycling or generally being anywhere near vehicles.

We do get told of near-misses because unfortunately drivers just aren't always safe or careful on our local roads, even when children are around. ☹️

On our website, we have posters, games, videos and tips to help you help your child.

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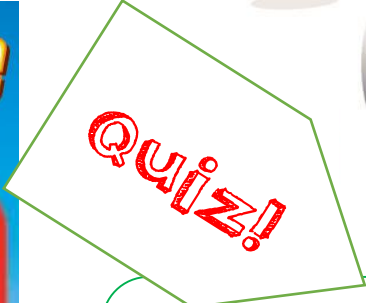
Following an incident on Friday afternoon, we felt it was timely to bring up this important subject again.



## Green Cross Code

When crossing roads follow these simple steps:

- 1 Always find a safer place to cross, then stop.
- 2 Stand on the pavement, but not too close to the edge of the kerb.
- 3 Look and listen in all directions for any traffic.
- 4 Cross when there is no traffic and there is **enough time** to get to the other side. If you are not sure, don't cross.
- 5 Keep looking and listening for traffic as you cross.
- 6 Walk straight across the road. Do not run.



Quiz!!! – Tell your teacher to get 1RP 😊

1. Which of these should you always do as part of the green cross code?  
- stop - think - run - wave - look
2. Which of these are a safe place to cross the road?  
- At a level crossing  
- At a zebra crossing  
- Between two parked cars  
- At a pelican crossing when the red man is showing
3. Which colours help you to be seen during the day time?  
- Dark - Reflective - Fluorescent

# Results of our Parents' Questionnaire - March 2019

100% of parents said they would recommend St Mark's to other parents!

<b>221 responses were given</b>		Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly Agree or Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	Do you feel the school has a Christian ethos and clear values?	100%		100%		
2	Do you feel the ethos of the school has a positive impact on your child?	99%		99%	1%	
3	My child is happy at St Mark's.	74%	25%	99%	1%	
4	My child feels safe at St Mark's.	77%	22%	99%	1%	
5	My child makes good progress at St Mark's.	62%	35%	97%	3%	
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	53%	43%	95%	5%	
7	St Mark's makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	53%	47%	99%	1%	
8	St Mark's deals effectively with bullying. (47% said 'I'm not sure as my child hasn't been in this situation.')	97%		97%	2%	1%
9	St Mark's is well led and managed.	68%	32%	99%	1%	
10	St Mark's responds well to any concerns I raise.	58%	42%	99%	1%	
11	Would you recommend St Mark's to another parent?	100%				

## One thing I am pleased about...

- The family friendly atmosphere
- My child has made many improvements whilst he has been in year 1. He is passionate about school and I feel that that's down to the school.
- The progress my child has made with his reading and sounds.
- How my child is encouraged to do extra challenges to broaden her learning.
- The inclusive atmosphere of the school.
- Great feedback with newsletters, year group newsletters and photos.
- Music lessons and Orchestra opportunities.
- My child enjoys school which as a parent is fantastic to see. This is down to great teachers who do a tough job day in day out.

## One thing I would like to see..

- More homework in a variety of topics to further develop them.
- More school trips!
- More support for the parents to support the child at home
- Less activities during school day as it's hard to get out of work for these
- Parking! Parking! Parking!
- More reading days for parents to come in and read with the children? WBD was great!
- An earlier opening of breakfast club.



# Dates for your diary....

**Windmill Hill Trip Payment (current Yr5 pupils)**  
This is just to remind you that payment of the final balance for November's Windmill Hill trip is due by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Spring Term**  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Lunch  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Brass Concerts  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Miller's Ark visiting Year R  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 6.30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – Yr 3 & 4 Easter performance 2pm  
4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 European Food Market 2.15-3pm

**INSET DAYS  
2018 2019**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2019  
(not 1st July)

**Summer Term**  
26<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Reports out  
26<sup>th</sup> April – Yr R Summer Children Height/Weight Programme  
29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens  
13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week  
7<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
14<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Reports out

**Something to think about**  
You were created as an exquisitely unique and utterly special human being. You are literally one of a kind.

**FOSM**  
  
30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt (11am – 12pm)  
3<sup>rd</sup> May FOSM Summer Disco  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Non Uniform Day  
29<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fun Day



**FOSM Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**11am-12pm**



**FOSM Cake Sale**  
We managed to raise a fantastic £483.80.  
Thank you for your continued support, it's greatly appreciated.

**Immanuel Church & St. Mark's CofE Primary School - Please join us for a Lenten Lunch**  
On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at St. Mark's CofE Primary School from 11.30 to 2.00pm  
All donations will go to The "Raising Hope Foundation" in Ghana  
Soup, bread and cheese will be served  
We would love to see you!



**Outstanding Balances**  
As we near the end of the financial year, please ensure all outstanding balances for dinner money, breakfast club and Spring term music tuition fees are paid in full no later than **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**  
Thank you for your cooperation.

**Easter Activities at Basingstoke Discovery Centre**  
Basingstoke Discovery Centre are running a number of different activities for children of all ages over the Easter holidays.  
Please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=351> for further details.

During Advent, Year 4 took part in a 'reverse advent calendar' where children chose a day to bring an item in to donate to the Basingstoke food bank.

We would like to repeat this giving opportunity for the period of Lent for **all year groups**.

Please find below a calendar mapping our school days and items for donation. If you would like to join in, please choose **one** day on the calendar and bring in a donation on that day. You are welcome to do all 40 days but we aren't expecting that! Collections should be left outside the school hall by the prayer table. There is no obligation to join in this Lent giving opportunity, however, any donations would be gratefully welcomed. Thank you!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b> Rice Pudding	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b> Custard	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b> Instant Mash	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b> Tinned fruit	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Sweet biscuits:
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Sweet spreads: jam, honey, peanut butter	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Soap Toilet rolls	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Shampoo	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Toothpaste and toothbrushes	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Dried pasta
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Washing up liquid	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Eggs	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Eggs	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Eggs	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Eggs

The Portsmouth Arms invites you to help raise funds for Hatch Warren Scout Group

# Easter Fun Day

Saturday 13th April 1pm to 5pm

Eggciting games and activities for all ages including:  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
 Face Painting and glitter tattoos  
 Tombola  
 Hook a duck  
 and much more!

Free Entry!

Easter Egg Hunt ticket £3 per child  
 Please visit [hwsq.org.uk/Events](http://hwsq.org.uk/Events)  
 to book in advance

Scouts Hatch Warren

# Quiz night

**Tues 26th March**

Join us for our first ever quiz night at the Portsmouth Arms.

Come and test your knowledge with friends and family and help to raise funds for your local Scout Group.

Everyone welcome!

£2 per person, max 6 per team.

Turn up and play or to pre-book your space please email [fundraising@hwsq.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@hwsq.org.uk)

Keep an eye out for our Easter Fun Day coming in April 2019!

£2 per person  
**Quiz - 7:30pm to 9pm**

Hatch Warren Scout Group - hwsq.org.uk