

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

12th October 2018



Dear Parents,

This week we have had a big focus on our harvest festival celebration and I am sure that you will agree that the children did a fantastic harvest collective worship on Tuesday. We are very proud of everyone for saying their part so well, and for their fantastic singing. Thank you to all the families who brought in contributions for Cobham Food Bank – these were all gratefully received by the organisers.

Thank you to our allotment weeders and diggers this week, it is already somewhat transformed over there and looked lovely for our harvest festival refreshments. We have a lot of digging to do in the next few weeks so look forward to some more sessions, which are also a great school-community time. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the refreshments on the day and to making it all look so fabulous. Thank you to Danielle Harris for buying the school a large thermos urn so that next time we can serve drinks more easily and to Catherine Burns for donating some super trowels and forks for our weeding.

A date for diaries is a **St Matthew's Gardening Meeting** which is taking place at the Medicine Garden at **9am on Monday 29th October**. This meeting is for anyone who is interested in helping on the allotment in any way and if you are interested but are unable to make this meeting, please do let me know.

Thank you to Anna Rivers-Moore for making some delicious green tomato jam from our allotment tomatoes, the children have enjoyed a feast of crackers, cheese and tomato jam this afternoon. Our amazing pumpkins are destined to become delicious pumpkin soup, but our super-large king of pumpkins is going to be winnable! Next week we are going to do a 'Guess the weight of the pumpkin' competition on Thursday 18th and the closest guess will win the pumpkin. A competition letter and slip will come home early next week – each entry is £1 and children can bring these in on Thursday. We will then find out how much the pumpkin weighs and who the winner is! We will put the pumpkin near the gate next week so that families can be having a think about how heavy it might be. I hope we can move it!

Next week we are going to be making some courgette / marrow cakes with the children so that we can enjoy the bumper marrow harvest from the allotment.

Well done to the following children for their responsibility certificate from home this week: to Finnlay for making a special breakfast for his family (which sounded delicious!); to Bethany for picking up other peoples' litter (caring for our world!); to Tiber for helping mummy to clear up the spilt sauce (lucky mummy!) and to Frederick for getting himself dressed and ready without being asked (amazing!).

Thank you to Alex for sharing his harvest prayer thanking the farmers who work hard to grow our food (lovely handwriting), to George for sharing a lovely harvest poem that he found – really colourful and all about what Autumn brings, and to Sam for his very own acrostic poem all about Harvest – in his beautiful handwriting!

In our whole school circle time this week the children talked about how they would like to support their chosen charity, the Rainbow Trust, and shared their ideas on how they would like to do some fund-raising. The most popular ideas are: to have cake sales, a second hand toy sale, a read-a-thon, to wear rainbow colour mufti, to do jobs for the family and to do a car wash. We will be making our final decisions and getting dates in the diary next week.

Next week we have our parent – teacher meetings on Tuesday after school and on Thursday evening. If you have not already signed up for this, the sign-up sheets are by the office. Appointments are for 10 minutes. If you feel you have anything to discuss that may need a longer time, please let your child’s teacher know and a separate meeting can also be arranged. We need to stick to 10 minute slots on these evenings, and to stick to times otherwise it is unfair on other parents who are made to wait.

All the children have enjoyed designing a Christmas card again this year and the artwork will be available to see during the parent evenings. Mrs Joyce will give you a form and the orders can be done online this year, with a deadline of Sunday 28th October. The Christmas cards will be delivered to the school late November.

Next week we have two PGCE students from Kingston University joining the team in Badgers Class. Mr Logan and Mr Williams will be teaching with, and under the direction of, Mrs Skudder and Mrs Fish. We have a very good working relationship with Kingston University and are always impressed with the students who come to us. We look forward to welcoming them to our school – they will be with us until the Christmas holidays.

Well done to Ella T, Amelie and Josie for finishing their sticker charts this week.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Arlo for knowing a lot about Harvest and why and how we celebrate it. Amelie for being the first ‘Rabbit’ to finish her sticker chart.
Otters:	Isaac for working so hard and showing such enthusiasm on his reading.
Badgers:	Freya for being a kind and caring friend to everyone.

Wisdom Award:



R – Sophia for doing a lots of responsible things in class e.g. pushing the chairs under the table, tidying up the toys, helping her friends.
 R – Lottie for taking care of her belongings and checking that she always has everything.
 R – Eva for taking gentle care of other children in her class when they need it and being such a lovely friend.
 O – Zachary for excellent listening and being helpful all week, in class and at Penny’s after school club.
 O – Evie for being such a responsible person. You are always so helpful, kind and listen so well.
 B – Phoebe for great responsibility in Badger’s class.

Golden Tickets

Madeleine, Lottie and Julia



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16 th October	3.30-6pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 17 th October	Badgers castle life workshop at school
Thursday 18 th October	6-8.30pm Parents Evening Break up for half term
Friday 19 th October	INSET DAY – staff training

GATE DUTY w/c 15th October Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 15 th Oct	G Agnes
Tuesday 16 th Oct	I Boon
Wednesday 17 th Oct	C Bull
Thursday 18 th Oct	F Bulley
Friday 19th Oct	INSET DAY

