

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

21st September 2018



Dear Parents

This week we have learned about St Matthew and how our school is named after him. We found out that he was a tax collector who worked for the Romans and, like other tax collectors at the time, he cheated and took more money than he should, so was unpopular. People were amazed that Jesus talked with Matthew and that Matthew decided to follow him – they thought that Jesus should just choose good, honest people to be his friend. Jesus explained: *‘People who are well do not need the doctor ; the sick do. I have not come to work with those who do not sin, but to work with those who do.’* Jesus believed that everyone should be allowed a chance for their lives to be changed so they could have a fresh start, and at St Matthew’s, we too believe that everyone should be given a fresh chance when they need it, and that we should take time to reflect on how we are ourselves – and consider if we need to change.

We learned about Yom Kippur and how it is the most holy of all Jewish days, marking when Moses came down the mountain with the ten commandments. We found out that in the 10 days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Jewish people try to make amends for all they have done wrong in the previous year. We talked about how we always try to do our best to follow our school rules and be good friends to one another – remembering to try to put things right when we do things that are wrong.

Thank you to Edith and Harriet for being our assembly helpers this week – Edith shared her carefully drawn picture of St Matthew with all his money, and reminded us how he changed from being greedy to being one of Jesus’ disciples, depending on his faith rather than money.

Well done to the following children for their responsibility certificates sent in from home this week: to Jena for caring so well for her dog; to Arthur for looking after his younger brother so well; to Emily for helping and looking after her father; and to Olivia for helping her dad with the washing. Well done everyone!

On Saturday, 8 of our Badger boys represented St Matthew’s at the annual Parkside U7s Football Tournament, turning out in their St Matthew’s kit and bringing with them their very best team-playing spirit. They did fantastically well, working together to show off all their best skills in every game that they played – and they ended up with a well-deserved place in the final, from where they were runners up in the overall competition. Everyone is so proud of you all! Well done: Freddie, Sam, George, Gabriel, Ant, Charlie, Loki and Alex!

Thank you to parents for enabling their children to be there and for supporting the school, also to the Sports Stars Coaches who organised our team so well.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who attended the safeguarding and confidentiality training on Tuesday – we look forward to you helping in school once all of the paperwork is signed of, and we hope that you enjoy your time in school with us. If you would like to volunteer but were unable to make that date, I am holding another training session on Wednesday 3rd October at 2:30 in the school hall – no need to book, just turn up. Next week we are looking forward to our History of our School Week where we will be finding out all about how our school was founded in 1867, and how it has changed in many ways - yet still has some of the same features as when it was built and still has the same underlying values. We will share what we find out in next week’s newsletter! On Wednesday 26th September, children are invited to dress up in Victorian outfits as this is our Victorian Day, with a visit from Elmbridge museum. Each class will be doing Victorian workshops throughout the morning. At the end of the week we will put up a display in the hall, showing the history and foundation of St Matthew’s – we will remind you to take a look once it has been set up.

Please make sure that the evening of Wednesday 3rd October is in your diaries as we are holding our maths and English workshops for parents of all classes at 7:30pm. We really hope that as many parents as possible will attend as the feedback from last year’s workshops was very good and although we can give hand-outs, it is never the same as attending and seeing it in action.

On Sunday 23rd, Revs Hugh and Elisabeth are looking forward to celebrating the Harvest in All Saints Family Service at 10:30 and are looking forward to seeing any families that would like to attend.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

A couple of diary amendments:

Quiz Night – Thursday 4th October instead of Friday 5th October

Individual photos (with siblings if you wish, from 8.15am) – Friday 5th October

Year 2 Advent @ Guildford on 22nd November cancelled and now moved to the Easter Event instead

Cobham Light parade – Friday 30th November (not 23rd)

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Mollie for coming really happily into school and enjoying it when being here.
Otters:	Bethany for excellent tidying up of the classroom without being asked.
Badgers:	Gracie for working her socks off and always having a busy pencil in Badger's class.

Wisdom Award:



R – Madeleine for having a great learning attitude – working really hard in school and having great answers and ideas. Tiber for having a great learning attitude, working really hard and answering lots of questions. Summer for showing great responsibility and tidying up our classroom.

O – Iyla for showing a responsible attitude to your learning by excellent listening.

Genevieve for always remembering to change your reading books every morning.

B – George for showing great responsibility when helping to tidy away the toys at lunchtime.

Golden Tickets

Zachary – Well done – the first ticket of the year!



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 26 th September	Victorian dress up day at St Matthew's
Friday 28 th September	9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents

GATE DUTY w/c 24th September Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 24 th September	A Gow
Tuesday 25 th Sept	G Kinnersly
Wednesday 26 th Sept	G McCallum
Thursday 27 th Sept	A Mckenna
Friday 28 th Sept	L Othman



HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE at ALL SAINT'S CHURCH OCKHAM 10:30am 23rd September. This is for all families and children of any age. Donations of non-perishable goods received & Guess the weight of the giant pumpkin decorating the church and grown locally.

If you would like to come to the Harvest Lunch at 12:30pm the same day this will be in the Community Hall on the Forest Road [near the Drift turn off]

Please ring or email Elisabeth Burke who is co-ordinating the catering and will invite you to contribute a dish of food to share.

Thank you

River Mole Dental Practice would like to announce that they are accepting new NHS children and adult patients. NHS examinations and treatment for children under the of 18 years is FREE. To register please email or call:

rivermoledental@googlemail.com

01932 866252

Or call in at:

River Mole Dental, Cobham Health Centre, 168 Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1HT
(Appointments in half term and afterschool are available).

Dr. Amita Gor BChD(Hons) MFGDP(UK)
Principal Dentist

Elmbridge Museum Family Fun Event – ‘Lights, Camera, Action!’

Saturday 15 September – 2pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Cecil Hepworth Playhouse, Hurst Grove, Walton-on-Thames KT12 2PF

Find out about local cinema pioneer Cecil Hepworth and make your own clapperboard and megaphone to take home.

Fee: £1.50 per child for the craft activities. Info at www.elmbridgemuseum.org.uk or call 01372 474568.

Messy Church – meeting for the 1st time after the summer break – on **Thursday 27th September** between 3:45-5:45pm. The theme this month will be ‘Wonderfully Made’. Everyone welcome

Many thanks



WILD TOT FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Ages 2 - 4 Years

OCKHAM, SURREY

1.5 Hour Sessions (10 - 11.30am)

4 week course, Monday mornings on the following dates:

24/09/18

01/10/18

08/10/18

15/10/18

£32 for 4 week course, siblings 20% discount

We believe children should have the freedom to safely explore and experience natural woodlands. Through a series of thought provoking activities, you and your child can enjoy woodland crafts, den building, cooking on camp fires and much much more. Come and join us for a course of exciting forest school sessions with your child, run by a qualified Forest School leader and assistant. Please contact us for further details and to book your place.



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