

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Dear Parents,

This week we have done lots of activities related to the Anti-bullying week theme of 'Choose Respect'. The children enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday and this helped them to remember that everyone is unique and different. In our collective worship we talked about what respect means and how we show respect to others as well as the importance of self-respect. In their classes, the children continued the discussion about respect throughout the week, finding opportunities to show respect in many different ways. On Thursday we had a special day dedicated to Anti-bullying and respect, with the children doing different activities in their mixed class colour teams. With Mrs Harman, they learned a 'Respect Rap' and thought of lovely things to say about someone next to them, writing these ideas on post-it notes to create a poster; with Mrs Fish they read the story of 'Willy and Hugh' in which Willy is lonely and upset because others are being unkind to him – Hugh comes along and helps him to stand up to bullies while Willy helps him to deal with his fear of spiders. The children talked about what the story teaches them and drew a picture of their favourite part of the story or what they thought the friends could do next. With Mrs Selencky, they talked about the '**STOP**' Anti-bullying message – that bullying means someone doing something **Several Times On Purpose**, and to sort bullying you **Start Telling Other People**. With Tracy and Mrs Joyce the children decorated socks, recalling their odd socks message from Monday.

Yesterday the children had a special assembly given by representatives from Sight For Surrey, a local charity who offer ongoing support to people who are blind or partially sighted, deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing. They met Emma who is deaf and who brought an interpreter along with her to help her to speak to the children through sign language. She helped the children to understand how to communicate well with someone who is deaf – to show your full face so that they can read your expression and to enable them to lip read. They also learned how to attract someone's attention by gently tapping them so that they know you would like to talk to them. We found out that there are different versions of sign language in different countries, for example in the United Kingdom and Australia we use 2 hands and in Germany and France they use one hand.

Well done to Isaac for his Responsibility certificate from home for getting himself ready for school and for helping others in his family at the same time! Well done also to Olivia for being so caring and gentle when caring for her baby cousin, Thomas; and to Isabella for laying the table, folding napkins and pairing socks in the laundry.

Thank you to all the families who came to Sunday's Remembrance Service on Sunday and to all the children who came in uniform and who represented St Matthew's so proudly. Each class had made a very thoughtful wreath and these were taken up to the altar on Sunday and on to the memorial -where the children stood quietly for the playing of the bugle and the time of silence. It was lovely to see so many children there and they really were very impressive – showing true St Matthew's spirit.

We would like to thank Alison Menke who has generously worked with Otters and Badgers class today, making lanterns for the Cobham Extravaganza light parade on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to help and made this possible today – the lanterns look fantastic and will look amazing on the night. Hopefully you have this date in your diaries and we can have a big group of St Matthew's children and lanterns in the parade. We had hoped that all children would make a lantern today but it was decided that these lanterns were going to be a bit tricky for Rabbits class to make so we are going to plan some slightly easier ones

to make next week so that all children have a lantern. If your child is in Rabbits and you would like them to make a lantern with Alison, she is holding a workshop on this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3pm in the Cobham Scout Hut and you are very welcome. Just email Alison on [alyson.menke@ntlworld.com](mailto:alyson.menke@ntlworld.com)

Next week is National Road Safety Week and we are having our Road Safety Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November when all children are invited to add something bright to their uniform, such as something reflective - a jacket or belt; or something bright like leg warmers or scarf. This will help to reinforce our message of being seen in the dark. The children will be doing lots of activities about road safety throughout the day.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we are having a ‘Dads Dig’ allotment session where dads are invited to come along and dig the raised beds from 10am.

Otters class are very excited to have £116.60 from their cake sale last Friday and are just in the process of planning what to buy with it.

Mrs Strang has suggested that parents might like to ‘upcycle’ nativity costumes that their child no longer needs. She will have a box by the gate next week for parents to put nativity costumes in and will let parents know what is available for them to take for their child to use.

Well done to Theo, Tillia, Harley, Tilly, Eva and Ant for finishing their sticker charts this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hutt

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	Gathia for making great progress overall. Samuel for doing so many fantastic jobs in school eg tidying up toys, helping his friends
<b>Otters:</b>	Josephine for always listening so beautifully and following the school rules so well.
<b>Badgers:</b>	Olivia R for being a super kind friend in the playground.

	<b>Be Responsible Award:</b>	R – Emily for joining in during class discussions and suggesting different answers.
		O – Tillia for lining up in a sensible manner.
		B – Freya P for always being a super friend and setting a good example to everyone.

<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Olivia and Tiber
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## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Beep Beep Day – Road Safety
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Red Team afternoon tea

**GATE DUTY w/c 19<sup>th</sup> November Parents of:**  
**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P Mickleburgh
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D Morgan
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	M Page
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	L Ramadan
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	F Richardson

