

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

2nd November 2018



Dear Parents,

This week we have been focusing on the key skills of listening. On Monday, Mrs Slessor shared her recipe for good listening with the children – looking at who is talking, being still, being quiet and listening until the person has finished talking. The good listening recipe has been followed up with lot of activities and with children being awarded stickers for when they are listening well and showing that they have listened by following instructions well. Listening is such an important skill for learning and for being a respectful community so it remains a strong focus in our everyday activities in school. See if your child can tell you the 4 parts of the recipe, and do let us know when they shows good listening at home –so that we can celebrate with them – just send a note in to me.

This week the children have started having some ball skills sessions with the Oxshott Royals, learning how to control the ball in lots of different ways. Having a female coach as an enthusiastic role model also helps to encourage the girls to enjoy the skills of football. These sessions are taking place over a four week period and each class will be taking part.

Year One have had an exciting week with their trip to Paradise park, where they followed an exciting outdoor dinosaur trail and saw dinosaurs such as the stegosaurus and a raptor. They were able to make the dinosaurs in the cases move by pressing buttons. On Wednesday, they also had a forest school session given by Mr Mario from Glen Angels and showed their amazing listening skills, being rewarded with wands and hats. They enjoyed watching him cutting some wood that he is going to turn into a character who encourages listening.

Badgers have enjoyed having Louise over from France this week and are all set to have a fantastic link with her French school, sending letters and finding out about France throughout the year.

Some of the children got to sit and have lunch with our new Chair of Governors, Mark Scholey, on Wednesday and impressed him with their knowledge of 3D shapes. They were amazed to find out that he used to go to St Matthew's, but in those days children had to walk to the village hall for lunch.

On Monday the St Matthew's Gardening Club met at the Medicine Garden to plan ahead for our school allotment and have made a rota for parents to help with the gardening activities throughout November. All parents are invited and welcome to come along and to be involved in these sessions – they will be taking place each Tuesday morning from 9 – 11am and on each Thursday afternoon from 2 – 3:15.

Today the children enjoyed a lively and colourful performance of Jack and the Beanstalk, where there was the usual action and hilarity of pantomime, with surprise guest performances from Mrs Selencky and Mrs Harman who performed the Macarena, YMCA and some super Gangnam Style dancing (they were definitely surprised and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience!)

Poppies will be on sale at the school gate all of next week and on Thursday the children will be taking part in a Remembrance Pause Day in school, doing reflective activities about Peace and Remembering. Each class will also be making a wreath for the Remembrance Service being held at All Saints Church on Sunday 11th November. Children and their families are invited to attend this service – please let me know if your child

would like to be involved in taking the wreath up to the altar and in carrying it to the memorial on Sunday 11th. I will be there to assist in this on the day.

As we did last year, we will be collecting warm clothes and winter shoes for the homeless charity Streetlytes, so if you have some things that you would like to donate, keep them for **Monday 10th December** when the van will arrive at school for the collection.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

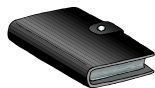
AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Arthur for excellent RE work and remembering the whole bible story, Jonah and the Whale. Mollie for finishing everything on her plate and eating lots at lunch.
Otters:	The whole class - you were all Stars on the trip to Paradise Park. You all represented the school so well and we are extremely proud!
Badgers:	James for settling in very well and having a super attitude all week.

	Wisdom Award:	R – Julia for always helping her friends and being very responsible for her own belongings. Lucas for being very determined and teaching his friend how to put on her coat. Isabella for being a good and caring friend.
		O – Franklin for showing a responsible attitude in all that you do – you are a role model! B – Mylo for showing amazing responsibility and kindness in Badgers class.

Golden Tickets	
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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 7 th Nov	7.45pm Year 1 parent meeting re transition admission process for yr3
Friday 9 th Nov	Otters Cake Sale 3.15pm
Sunday 11 th Nov	Remembrance Service at All Saints Church

GATE DUTY w/c 5th November Parents of: (8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 5th Nov	S Donoghue
Tuesday 6th Nov	R Edwards
Wednesday 7th Nov	A Fairley
Thursday 8th Nov	T Hood
Friday 9th Nov	S Jackson

