

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

4th January 2019



Dear Parents

Happy New Year 2019 to you all – I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. The children have all come back full of enthusiasm and with lots of exciting stories about their two weeks off!

This week we have focused on the New Year and how we can have a fresh start and choose to focus on how we would like to be throughout 2019. As a school we have some shared resolutions that are in keeping with this term's values of Friendship and Justice – to be helpful, be kind, and to persevere. I have attached our Friendship value information to the newsletter to share how we teach and explore friendship, which will be a continued focus this term. From February we will add in Justice and I will share that information then.

Well done to India for showing responsibility at home by getting up and dressed without any help and to Sam W for looking after his little sister, keeping her safe and watching over her. Our certificates from home this term will be for being caring towards others – we will send the template home next week.

Today in our Celebration Assembly, we are giving out lots of certificates from the end of last term as it got so busy and difficult to fit in to the last week. We are excited to be giving out our first 'Personal Best' Sports Challenge certificates and prizes – congratulations to Bethany, Hugo and Gabriel for being the most improved in their class in their time to complete the shuttle running challenge. Big congratulations to Harley for being the most improved overall in the school. Class winners each get a sports book and the overall winner receives Guildford Spectrum vouchers for a family visit. Our next 'Personal Best' challenge will start in a couple of weeks' time – giving the opportunity for children to keep working at improving their personal best in a fun and competitive way.

Well done to all of the children who have brought in their photos and £2 to take part in our Rainbow Reading Competition – who can read in the funniest place? There is still plenty of time to take part as the closing date is Friday 11th January and we are pleased to be fundraising for Rainbow Trust in a way that was chosen by the children. We are going to display the photos in the library area – there will also be a winner from each class and a winner for staff!

Thank you to Josephine for bringing in her juicer from home – we made beetroot juice for the whole school this afternoon, using our school-grown beetroots from our allotment. Feedback from the children is mixed but mostly extremely positive once tasted ... *smells good... looks a bit yukky!... tastes nice... delicious... make it smell better.... Like the apple and beetroot mixed together...can I have some more... very beetrooty!... splendid!... it makes good lipstick!* Well done to everyone for trying it and discovering that it is actually rather yummy and very good for you – Mrs Spooner doesn't like beetroot but she quite liked our special brew of beetroot, lemon juice and apple juice!

Have a lovely weekend


Mrs Hutt

Well done to Summer, Tiber, Sam H, Arthur, Hugo, India, Eva, Dylan, Arlo, Jack I, Lucas M, Wilf, Jessica, Julia, Jena, Madeleine, Gathia, Caitlin and Sienna for finishing their sticker charts this week.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Eva M and Jessica
Otters:	Evie and Marcus
Badgers:	Gracie, Harriet, Sam & Keira

	Wisdom Award:	R - Ellie and India
		O – Poppy
		B – Dexter, Mylo and James

Golden Tickets	
SportsStar Award for Effort in PE	R – Ali T O – Marcus B – Freya P



DIARY DATES

Monday 7 th January	NO French Club Music classes start
Tuesday 8 th January	School nurse in to talk to children about handwashing / hygiene
Wednesday 9 th January	Holly's dance, Chess and Tennis club starts
Thursday 10 th January	Football Club
Friday 11 th January	Multisports and tennis club start

GATE DUTY w/c 7th January Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 7th Jan	E Morton
Tuesday 8th Jan	G Ndungu
Wednesday 9th Jan	E Ryan
Thursday 10th Jan	S Schofield
Friday 11th Jan	H Sheen



CLUBS

We are pleased to confirm that everyone has got a place in the clubs that they have applied for (up until today's date). If you would still like to sign up to a club, please see below for an update on spaces.

French – Couple of spaces left
Chess Club – Couple of spaces left
Holly's dance – FULL
Tennis Yrs 1&2 – FULL
Football – FULL (please ask in the office)
Multisports – couple of spaces left
Tennis Reception – Couple of spaces left

Breakfast and Afterschool – please apply through the office if you haven't already done so.

Thank you, Sarah

SPRING TERM DATES

Term dates: Thursday 3rd January – Friday 5th April
Half Term: 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Inset Days: Friday 25th January and Monday 25th February

SUMMER TERM DATES

Term dates: Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July
Half Term: 27th May – 31st May
Inset Days: Wednesday 24th July

All Spring Term Events will be sent out early next week.