

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

11th January 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have learned and talked about Epiphany in our collective worship. The children found out that on 6th January every year, Christians have a special festival called Epiphany to celebrate the visit of the wise men to see the baby Jesus. It is always a surprise to find out that the wise men took so long to reach the end of their journey and that it is therefore celebrated after the Christmas celebrations. Epiphany shows that God doesn't have favourites and welcomes people from any background and nationality – shown by how the poor shepherds and the wealthy wise men were led to Jesus.

In buddy playtime on Monday, everyone thought together about how they can be kind and helpful to one another and to everyone in the school, putting their ideas on drawn hands as a reminder.

Mrs Rook would like to say a big thank you to all the families that brought in plastic recycling for our plastic afternoon. The children had a fantastic time working with their buddies on a fact-finding mission about plastic waste and they then worked together to make plastic sea creatures from the plastic recycling that was brought in. Working together on this made us all think about the amount of plastic we use and how a lot of it is ending up in our oceans. The children were keen to make sure we all think about plastic alternatives and that where possible we recycle plastic or avoid single-use plastics. If you get the chance, do pop into the hall to see the children's wonderful creations and messages.

On Tuesday the school nurse visited each class to talk about the importance of handwashing after using the toilet and before preparing food and eating. She demonstrated how to wash hands properly and she used glitter on hands representing germs being transferred from hand to hand. The children got to practise a good hand-washing technique – see if they can show you at home.

Next week is the beginning of 'Switch-Off Fortnight' – our annual project that reminds us of the importance of saving energy and reducing our carbon footprint. If your child has any useful books at home or would like to do a little research and bring it in over the next couple of weeks then that would be great.

Well done to everyone who has brought in their £2 and photograph of themselves reading in a funny place for our Rainbow Reading competition. The deadline has been extended to Monday to give a final weekend to take photos as there are some children who are still keen to take part. The photos are now on display in the hall and we will find out who the winners are on Tuesday morning when we have our visitor from Rainbow Trust.

Next week on Wednesday 16th January, each class will be open from 3:15 for an informal book look so that parents can have a look at their child's work with them – books are available for looking at until 7:30 pm to accommodate after school club pickup times and for working parents to have the opportunity to pop in also.

As some of you are now aware, I would like to share with you that Mrs Spooner will be leaving our team at the end of this term. She will be missed by us all and we know that these last couple of months will go quickly

now, but we look forward to celebrating with her a fantastic 15 years of the most amazing hard work and service on behalf of St Matthew's. We are having a good response to our advert for School Business Manager and will inform everyone once an appointment has been made.

Well done to Tiber, Allie, Tilly, Amelie, Loki, Franklin, Harley, Sofia D and Genevieve for finishing their sticker charts this week

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Hutt.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Alexis and Arthur for coming happily through the gate, tidying up his/her things and going straight into the playground to play.
Otters:	Leo for often tidying up the classroom and other people's tables without being asked. Thank you!
Badgers:	Sam for being a kind, caring friend and for always showing great listening AND working hard every day at St Matthews.

Wisdom Award:



- R – Allie for helping her friends and getting an adult when needed
 - Jack for being a good friend and respecting others
 - Julia for always being a good friend to others and helping them when they need it
 O – Charlotte for always being such a good friend to everyone and always considering the feelings of others.
 B – Loki for always being kind to others and thinking about their feelings too!

Golden Tickets	Dexter and Hugo
SportsStar Award for Effort in PE	



DIARY DATES

Monday 14 th January	French club starts
Wednesday 16 th January	Informal Book Look 3.15 – 7.30pm

GATE DUTY w/c 14th January Parents of: (8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 14 th Jan	S Shenton-Scott
Tuesday 15 th Jan	W Simpson
Wednesday 16 th Jan	A Taylor
Thursday 17 th Jan	S Tubb
Friday 18 th Jan	A Van Rooyen



CLUBS

French – Couple of spaces left

Holly's dance – FULL

Football – FULL (please ask in the office)

Tennis Reception – Couple of spaces left

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

Thank you, Sarah

Chess Club – Couple of spaces left

Tennis Yrs 1&2 – FULL

Multisports – couple of spaces left

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you would like to find out more about our school lunches, please see the link below. You will find all sorts of information is available on here, including the menu

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1747651/cs-primary-aw1819-menu-leaflet.pdf>

To the whole St Matthew's School Community
(Parents, Staff and Governors)
From Revd Hugh



I would like to invite you to an Alpha Course we are about to run. This offers an opportunity to explore your faith, and is aimed at those with little or no faith, and those whose Christian faith could go deeper, or be strengthened. After all, we are choosing to give our children a fantastic start in their faith journey by sending them to St Matthew's School, but what about us adults?

The course starts on Tuesday 22 January, at 7:30pm and runs through to 26th March, with a break for half term. It includes a home-cooked meal, and there is a video presentation of a different subject each week, followed by discussion. There is complete freedom to say what you think, and we are not expected to "toe the line". There won't be any singing, thank goodness, and the only prayer will be a short grace before we eat!

I feel that it may be perfect for people from the St Matthew's Community – come with your friends; make new friends; explore new ideas. We are offering the course as a Group Ministry, comprising the three churches of St Martin's, East Horsley, St Mary's, West Horsley, and of course All Saints', Ockham.

I will be there, and would be delighted and honoured if you would join me. The first evening (22 January) is a taster session. Come along and see if you like it. (Naturally, the course is free!)

The sessions will be held in the Canterbury Rooms at St Martin's Church, East Horsley, (close to Horsley Towers and the Duke of Wellington). If you want to discuss anything with me, my numbers are 01483 224136 and 07462 595956, and my email is hugh.grear@sky.com.

Hugh

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

