

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter



8th February 2019

Dear Parents,

This week we have learned about Internet Safety in our assemblies, talking about how amazing the internet is for so many things and how we use it all the time in many different ways. We have shared and talked about how it is important to ask an adult before using the internet and games on line, and to always tell an adult if something you see doesn't seem right. The children understand the importance of not sharing any personal information on line and not to talk to anyone that they don't know, just as they wouldn't in the street.

We also talked about Chinese New Year and this assembly was led by Keira, who shared what she had found out – that Chinese New year is a celebration that wishes you peace and good fortune in the new year. Keira told us that this is the year of the pig and that she was born in the year of the Dragon, which is a symbol of good fortune and power. Kung Hei Fa Choy! Happy New Year!

Thank you also to Tom who led part of an assembly about Friendship, reminding us that friendship means being kind to each other, not hurting each other's feelings and playing good games together. Thank you to Gabriel who shared his amazing bird facts and book with bird songs – we found out that a jay has amazing blue feathers and a woodpecker gets its red crown at the age of 3 months. Well done Sam for counting birds that you have seen and to Poppy for bringing in her lovely woodpecker.

Well done to the following children for their 'caring about others certificates' from home: to Charlie for always helping with Archie and putting others first, to Freddie for looking after his little brother so well, to Madeleine for caring for her sister when she was upset, to Hugo for helping his brother get breakfast, to Edith for being sensitive towards her friend's feelings and being welcoming to her cousin.

On Monday afternoon, Badgers class played in a football tournament at Parkside and were a credit to themselves and the school. They played very well in three different teams and described the matches as 'amazing', 'fun', 'cold' and 'muddy!' ... and they enjoyed the cookies and drink at the end!

The PTA had a very productive meeting on Tuesday morning, discussing the proposed canopy (school currently seeking planning permission), and upcoming dates for the diary – book week pyjama evening on Thursday 7th March, Ladies night on Thursday 28th March, Fun Run in May (date to be confirmed but we are hoping for 19th), Summer Fair Saturday 22nd June and the school ball on Friday 5th July. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like to be involved in organising and helping, please let Deena, Isabel or Lisa know. They also asked teachers to make a wish-list that parents could choose from as a gift for the class in place of birthday sweets – teachers will make a list of books and other small items for the class. The PTA would like to remind everyone who is travelling abroad at half term to bring in any left-over coins for our 'Cash for Coins' collection. A reminder also from the PTA on Easy Fundraising:

If you are looking to buy anything, particularly your summer holiday, remember the easiest way of all to fund raise for St Matthews is to pay for things via the Easy Fund Raising hub. It's really straight forward . . . every time you shop online through easyfundraising.org.uk the retailer (e.g TUI, Thomas Cook, Booking.com, Expedia, Amazon, John Lewis etc) donates a percentage to St Matthews as your chosen cause.

It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmatthewscobham>

2. Sign up for free

3. Get shopping and start raising

On world book day, Mrs Morgan will be bringing in her new book – Hedgy – and will be reading it to each class. If anyone would like to pre-order a copy for her to sign, please do so in plenty of time and place them in your children's book bags on the day. Christina will take a few minutes after the reading to sign them. Books can be pre-ordered on:

<https://olympiapublishers.com/books/hedgy>

Well done to Eva, Sophia, Evie, Josephine, Iyla, Ella B and Adele for finishing their sticker charts.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



SUPERSTARS

Rabbits:	Jack for using the ten frame accurately and making numbers in lots of different ways.
Otters:	Finnlay for having a super attitude towards your work – well done!
Badgers:	Anthony for great thinking in maths this week and spotting some tricky patterns.

Wisdom Award:	R – Hugo, Amelie and Ellie for helping their friends when getting changed. O – Ella B for always letting people join in her games at playtime. What a good friend you are! B – Gabriel for being a really kind and caring member of Badger's class. You're a super friend to everyone at St Matthews.
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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12 th February	3.30-6pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 13 th February	Otters class assembly 9.15am
Thursday 14 th February	6-8.30pm Parents Evening
Friday 15 th February	Badgers Cake Sale at 3.15pm Break up for half term

GATE DUTY w/c 11th February Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 11th Feb	P Page
Tuesday 12th Feb	F Palmer
Wednesday 13th Feb	F Potter
Thursday 14th Feb	H Price
Friday 15th Feb	O Roper

