

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have talked about being a friend to others, and that real friendship is not what we get from someone, but what we ourselves can give. We agreed that the only way to have a friend is to be one and we talked about the Bible verse, telling us that two are better than one, because if either of them fall down, one can help the other up. Olivia pointed out that three might be even better, which made me smile!

Thank you to my collective worship helpers this week – Mylo, Anthony and Ella B – they did a great job leading the responses and lighting the candle. Anthony wrote a lovely **A FRIEND** acrostic poem, which he shared with the school:

**A** always there for you  
**F**un and funny  
**R**espects you  
**I**ncludes you  
**E**ncourages you  
**N**ever makes you sad  
**D**o you want to be friends?

Well done to the following children for their caring friendship certificates from home: to Marcus, Finnlay, Isaac and Sam (from Leo) for helping him to clear up the water, to Mylo for being so helpful and playing with his sister, to Jena for looking after her mummy and her cousin, to Sophia S for being so generous towards her auntie and to Wilf for being so helpful at home.

In our whole school circle time, we read the book *'Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?'* learning that we all carry an invisible bucket which holds our good thoughts and feelings about ourselves. We can fill someone else's bucket by doing or saying something kind to them, and at the same time we fill our own bucket! We are working hard not to be 'bucket dippers' – where unkindness not only empties the other person's bucket, but also your own. If your child comes home with a smiley sticker, then you will know that they have been a bucket filler. Each class is aiming to fill a smiley bucket with marbles to earn a class treat to celebrate their kindness and thoughtfulness. The first class to fill their bucket will also get an extra playtime with me, playing some fun playground games. As a whole school, the children also contributed to creating a St Matthew's poster about inclusive play, making up their own rules – 'Our rule is we don't leave anyone out, we look out for each other, we treat others how we want to be treated, we are friends to everyone, we all need friends – it makes us happy.'

Otters Class did an amazing class assembly for the school and Otters parents this week. It was built around our school value of Friendship and was all about the history of Valentine's day – everyone played their part really well, and the speaking was very impressive. We enjoyed a good sing at the end and we were left with a feeling of good fun and positivity!

This week, your child(ren) will have brought home a note about making a Fairtrade poster and about our Fairtrade Big Breakfast – both of which are in the week immediately after half term, so it will be very quickly upon us! During that week, the children will be learning a lot about Fairtrade and about fairness from a global

perspective. They are very welcome to bring in information about Fairtrade and let us know what Fairtrade products they have found in the shops. The Fairtrade poster competition is usually very successful with lots of children contributing posters to fill our hall displays ready for our Big Breakfast. I am very much hoping that we will have lots of posters – each child receives something for bringing one in, and there is an overall winner in each class. I know that lots of families will be away over half term, so hopefully posters can be created in **that** first week back. Please put Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March in your diary to join us for our Big Breakfast, all families welcome between 7:45 and 9:15 – food contributions needed please, as in the note sent home. It is always a lovely community event and I look forward to seeing all the families that are able to make it.

Very quickly following the Fairtrade week we have book week starting on 4<sup>th</sup> March, with world book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – our special day when children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, bringing in a favourite book to share.

Mrs Bayliss, our lunchtime supervisor who has worked at St Matthew’s for 45 years (!) has decided that, reluctantly, it is time to retire and she will be leaving us at the end of this term. We will be having a big celebration and I will send out an invitation to parents and governors to join us.

As well as advertising for a new lunch-time supervisor (7 and ¼ hours per week), following an office reshuffle, we are also advertising for a new office admin / premises assistant for 7 hours per week. We have successfully recruited a new School Business Manager, who we look forward to welcoming to St Matthew’s at the beginning of the summer term.

Well done to Evie, Alice, Harley, Keira, Charlotte, Freya, Tiber, Jessica and Sam H for finishing their sticker charts this week.

Have a lovely half term – we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.  
Mrs Hutt

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	India for getting dressed by herself, being helpful and great improvement throughout!
<b>Otters:</b>	Bethany for being a good friend and including everyone in your games.
<b>Badgers:</b>	Adele for being such an amazing member of Badger’s class who listens really well, works very hard and is a kind friend to everyone.

	<b>Wisdom Award:</b>	R – Isabella for looking after others and being a lovely friend Arthur for being a kind and helpful friend.
		Madeleine for being considerate towards others, incredibly helpful and a great friend.
		O – Genevieve for always coming into school with a big smile on your face and embracing everything with a positive attitude.
		B – Finley for being a thoughtful and kind friend.

<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Sienna, Poppy, Genevieve, Emily, Eva, Evie, Tiber, Finley, Joshua and Arlo
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## DIARY DATES

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – staff training no children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Fairtrade Big Breakfast from 8am all invited

**GATE DUTY w/c 26<sup>th</sup> February Parents of:**

**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	A Rousot
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	S Weisz
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	F Williams
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	M Wilson



**Breakfast and Afterschool Club - Adhoc**

Our breakfast club and afterschool club are proving very popular, so if you would like to book an adhoc session, please book with the office. Our Tuesday morning is currently full therefore we can not offer adhoc on this day.

If you don't pay for your adhoc days by a voucher scheme, please bring cash in **on the day** as this will save a great deal of administrative time.

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