

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have focused our whole school circle time on Fairtrade, finding out that Fairtrade works to ensure that farmers across the globe get a fair price for their crops, meaning that they are able to afford better food and medicines, as well as afford to send their children to school. The children thought about the amazing things they thought about when they heard the Fairtrade story – *‘People started to think about poorer farmers, they realised they should do something and didn’t give up... now farmers are getting fair money for their work.’* They thought about the not-so-good things – *‘they worked hard for not a lot of money... people only had a little basic food – rice and beans aren’t very exciting... they couldn’t buy medicines.’* They reflected on what they had found out about Fairtrade and came up with lots of questions – *‘Why didn’t the farmers get a fair deal in the beginning? Do most farmers get a fair price now? Can we give the farmers more? What will happen when Brexit happens?’* (amazing questions!) The children went on to think about what they would like to do in response to learning about Fairtrade and their ideas included: *‘Look for Fairtrade products and buy those... Bring in Fairtrade products for the school ... Raise awareness and put the logo out there... Find some Fairtrade games to play at break times... If Fairtrade products are more expensive, give something else up so that you still buy Fairtrade... pray for the farmers and for fairness around the world.’* We are seeking Fairtrade games for school (I have found some great wooden skittles) and the children have written some very thoughtful prayers today.

We had a wonderful turn-out for our Fairtrade Breakfast this morning and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying a great school community event. Thank you to everyone who brought in food contributions and for helping to make this morning such a success. Well done to all of the children who made a Fairtrade poster to share the Fairtrade message (and thank you to parents for supporting this). The quality of the posters is fantastic and each one has a thoughtful message to share in an original way. As you can imagine, it was very difficult to choose a winner from each class – I passed this job to Barnaby Cousins (an ex-pupil who was conveniently in school today!) and he deliberated for ages before finally making his selection. First place in Rabbits class goes to Julia and Caitlin, in Otters class to Poppy, and in Badgers class to Phoebe. All posters are up around the school and all children receive a certificate and Fairtrade chocolate bar for their thoughtful work.

Just before half term, I met with a resident of Deacon Close, who was bringing to my attention some serious parking issues that have been occurring recently, causing upset to the residents. It was a very constructive meeting where I found out that there are several residents who need ambulance access and that there have been times when rubbish collections have not been possible. The residents have held off in the past from making parking in Deacon Close Residents Permit Parking only but are seriously re-considering - while also considering alternatives such as double yellow lines. I am making a plea to parents to please park with consideration to the residents – the end of the cul-de-sac should not have cars completely on the pavement or blocking any driveways. Driveways on any road should not have cars parked across them. When parking anywhere in Deacon Close, please consider whether emergency vehicles can get through once you have parked your car. Please don’t block the end of the cul-de-sac – if there is no reasonable place to park, find an alternative place. It is also important that cars do not part across the top of the T-junction with Deacon Close. The Cricketers is a great option and we are very lucky to be able to use that facility, so please use this option as much as possible.

Next week, we are all looking forward to celebrating book week together. The children will all be doing lots of exciting book activities throughout the week and will be exploring the amazing things that books can give us. On Thursday, world book day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and to bring in their favourite book to share with their class. On Thursday evening, we will be having our evening pyjama session of story-telling in the school hall. Rabbits session will be from 4:15 to 5pm and Otters and Badgers will have a session together from 5:15 to 6pm. Children can come in their pyjamas - as well as story-telling, there will be hot chocolate and a biscuit, all for just £1!

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, it is Shrove Tuesday, so the children will be making pancakes in school next week. Tuesday marks the beginning of Lent and we will be doing our 40 Acts for Lent as we did last year, discovering each morning what it is that we can do as an act of kindness towards others.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	Samuel for giving huge amount of detail about what we do during collective worship and why. Caitlin for doing a great job in reading and writing her tricky words.
<b>Otters:</b>	Tillia for always trying your hardest in all you do – what a wonderful attitude you have.
<b>Badgers:</b>	Phoebe for your energy, enthusiasm, enquiring mind and love for learning!

### Wisdom Award:



- R – Gathia for playing really nicely with his friends in the playground in class. What a great friend.
- Emily for working very well together with her friend and doing a great piece of writing together.
- Sophie for always being such a nice and caring friend. You are kind.
- O – Mia for working really hard on considering the feelings of others.
- B – Mylo for thinking of others, showing great kindness and team spirit. A true team player!

Well done to Edith, Isaac, Tillia, Arlo and Emily for finishing their sticker charts this week.

<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Bethany Lottie
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### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Otters trip to Waitrose 9am drop off
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day Pyjama story telling

### GATE DUTY w/c 4<sup>th</sup> March Parents of:

**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	K Worrall
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	G Agnes
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	I Boon
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C Bull
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	F Bulley



### **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. Thank you

### **Children's Notebooks**

The lovely personalised notebooks that the children designed before Christmas are available to buy from the office if you didn't already purchase at the fair. The cost is £3.00



Cobham Messy Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3:45pm at the Cobham United Church, Stoke Road. Lots of fun – everyone welcome.

### **Yoga Classes Tuesday 9.30-10.30 and Thursday 9.15-10.45**

#### **Drop in Classes £10 term time only**

Sam is a local yoga teacher who has a passion for teaching a style of yoga which benefits the whole person. Sam teaches Hatha Vinyasa yoga that creates strength, flexibility, balance and calm in body and mind. Classes offer adaptations, ensuring they are inclusive and appropriate for all levels.

Perhaps you are new to yoga and want a supportive environment to try it out?  
Perhaps you are more experienced and want a class that focuses on your body and breath?  
**Everyone is welcome! Do come and try it out.**

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