

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

15th March 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have been taking part in British Science Week and we have talked about some amazing journeys in God's world – our own amazing journeys through life, the amazing journeys that seeds make to grow as a plant in a new place, and we find it incredible that an impressive oak tree can grow from a small acorn! We found out about the journey of computers and how Ada Lovelace (who lived at Ockham Park), in the 1830s, became an expert on Babbage's Analytical Engine and published programmes for it – becoming recognised to be the first computer programmer. The children were fascinated at the appearance of this first computer! Thank you to my collective worship helpers this week – Adele, Finley, Theo and Sam J. Thank you Sam for your beautifully written prayer of thanks, with a journey focus:

Dear God,

Thank you for being by my side, on life's journey you are our guide.

Thank you for the Earth, the moon, the sun – thank you Lord, for everyone.

Amen.

Thank you to Olivia, who shared her own explanation about good friendship, explaining that when you make friends, you bring two halves of a heart to create a whole heart, when you are a kind friend, the heart stays whole. If you are unkind, it breaks the heart. You have created a helpful poster to remind us to be kind and thoughtful friends.

All classes have talked further about their big questions about climate change and have thought of and made their big message to share on our walk this afternoon. They are hoping to promote positive discussion about climate change and highlight some simple changes that can be made to make a difference. The children were all very enthusiastic when making their placards yesterday – there was an amazing buzz of energy which was very exciting. You can all be very proud of your children – they are full of questions and thoughtfulness, along with an awareness that they can decide to act on something that they feel matters.

Well done to the following children for their friendship certificate from home: to Dominic for helping to put his little brother to bed, to Sam H for looking after his sister Olivia when she fell and hurt herself, and to Poppy for staying calm while there was an emergency at home.

Otters class are learning about the Jewish faith, and about Shabbat. On Wednesday they welcomed a Rabbi into the classroom who told them all about his faith and what happens during Shabbat. He was very impressed with what they knew already and the scrolls that they had made. He told me when he left that he was amazed at their super behaviour and interest saying that he thought they were particularly good for a Year One class.

Badgers class are busy preparing their assembly for the school and Badgers class parents next Thursday, 21st March at 9:15. They are looking forward to showing everyone their special messages about friendship.

I have received an email from a Deacon Close resident to say how much the parking situation has improved in their road, so a big thank you to parents for making a change – it really helps.

We had a few people ask whether we were supporting Red Nose Day today, so I am taking the opportunity to remind parents that we have decided to focus on one or two charities with a local link instead of others such as Red Nose Day and 'Wear it Pink' day. We have worked with children to choose a local charity to support, and they unanimously chose Rainbow Trust. The children are finding this meaningful because we have had lots of discussions about Rainbow Trust and they have chosen their ways of raising money. We will be supporting a global charity, International Health Partners, in the Summer term as this is linked to Mrs Grear, who is able to come in and tell us all about it. Our fund-raising will help provide much needed medicines around the globe and helps us to remember how lucky we are to have the NHS.

Well done to Mollie, Leo, Gathia, Alice, Tilly and Sophie for finishing their sticker charts this week.
Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Hutt.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Gathia for doing such a great job with his tricky words and now starting on the Otters Class word lists. I am so proud of you. Jenna for working hard in Rabbits class and always being incredibly helpful and kind.
Otters:	Ella T for always challenging herself, particularly in literacy.
Badgers:	James for writing an amazing poem at Guildford Cathedral.

Justice Award:



R – Dylan for being a nice and caring friend to others.
- Mollie for playing so nicely with your friend.
- Samuel for always being a kind and caring member of our class.
O – Charlotte for being an amazing friend to all, you are kind and thoughtful to absolutely everyone!
B – Adele for always being a lovely friend.

Golden Tickets

Poppy, Keira, Alexander and George.



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19 th March	Rabbits trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Thursday 21 st March	Badgers Class Assembly at 9.15am

GATE DUTY w/c 18th March Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 18 th Mar	S Donoghue
Tuesday 19 th Mar	R Edwards
Wednesday 20 th Mar	A Fairley
Thursday 21 st Mar	T Hood
Friday 22 nd Mar	S Jackson



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