

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

3rd May 2019



Dear parents,

For our wisdom focus this week, we have read and talked about Aesop's fable 'The Travellers.' The two travellers are chased by a bear – the first traveller climbs the tree and the second traveller has nowhere to go so has to lie down and play dead. After the bear has spent time sniffing him, he lumbers off, at which point the first traveller comes down and asks what the bear was doing all that time. The second traveller replied that the bear had whispered in his ear to choose his friends more wisely in the future as anyone who saves himself first and then abandons you to your fate can't be much of a friend! The children came up with their own wise thoughts about what this story teaches, concluding that a good friend would think of you before themselves and would make sure that you are safe.

Well done to the following children for their wisdom certificate from home: to Freddie W for helping his brother with his homework, to Gathia for setting a good example to his brother at dinner time, to Arlo for being so amazing doing his reading and tricky words straight away, to Olivia for helping her daddy when he was unwell, to Jack for keeping his little sister safe near a main road and to Finnlay for being caring to his neighbour when her dog passed away.

Well done to everyone for bringing in batteries to recycle - we collected an impressive amount, which has now been collected. We have now been entered into the Big Battery Hunt prize-draw... fingers crossed – thank you to Mrs Rook for organising this.

Mrs Rook is also planning to help the children build an insect hotel to encourage more insects into our school grounds for us to watch and learn from. To do this, we need some donations of old wooden pallets, straw, wood chips / bark, old roofing tiles, old terracotta pots, bricks with holes in, hollow bamboo canes and planks of wood. Do let the office or Mrs Rook know if you can provide any of these materials.

On Wednesday Otters and Badgers took part in the Infant Music Festival at St Teresa's school. They took part in lots of workshops throughout the day, including some led by a Doctor of Music. In the final performance they enjoyed singing to the audience with the other schools, as well as performing a St Matthew's song. A firm favourite of the day was 'Country Sounds' where everyone made farm animal sounds – including the audience! The final Mary Poppins song was full of actions, accompanied by a live band.

Yesterday, Badgers enjoyed a class trip to Wimbledon – having their own private tour of the grounds. They even got to sit in centre court and the broadcast centre, where Sam and Freya were interviewed in the press room after they won the championship. Badgers represented St Matthew's perfectly with amazing manners and great behaviour. They have come back buzzing with Wimbledon facts!

Please can we ask that long hair is tied back in school – it looks smarter and we have had some cases of head lice reported. We would also like to ask parents not to come in and change books etc in the morning as we are trying to teach the children responsibility and independence. Of course, there are children who will need reminding. If that is the case, please email your child's teacher and let them know if they have not changed their book.

Thank you to the dads who enjoyed a night out and at the same time raised money that has paid for a new bench in the playground. Thank you to Mr Jackson and Mr Wood for putting the bench together – the children were excited to use it straight away!



Don't forget – happy bags collection is on Tuesday 7th May at 9am and Rabbits Class assembly for the school and Rabbits Class parents is on Wednesday 8th May at 9:15. Our school fun run is on Sunday 19th July – everyone from the family is invited to participate, friends too, and you can run, walk or push a buggy... free bacon roll! This is always a great event and the children are always very proud to have taken part.


Well done to Tillia, Harley, Ella B and Charlotte for finishing their sticker charts this week. Have a lovely long weekend!

Mrs Hutt

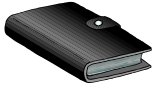
AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Jack for fantastic singing when practicing our class collective worshiping.
Otters:	Iyla for trying her hardest in all her lessons.
Badgers:	All of Badgers class for being great representatives of St Matthews at Wimbledon.

	Wisdom Award:
	R – Emily and Isabella for ‘thinking out of the box’ when drawing our world.
	- India for making wise choices how to look after the world
	- Jena for making a very wise comment: “God gave us the world and it is our responsibility to look after it”
	O – Leo for demonstrating lots of wisdom and knowledge in his mathematical understanding
	B – Sophia for using windows, mirrors and doors to reflect on her mega structure.

Golden Tickets	
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DIARY DATES

Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	Happy Bag Collection
Wednesday 8 th May	Rabbits Class Assembly at 9.15am
Friday 10 th May	Swimming all classes

GATE DUTY w/c 6th Parents of: (8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	D Emmett
Wednesday 8 th May	C Ferreira
Thursday 9 th May	L Foggon
Friday 10 th May	J Irvine



COLLECTION ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 9AM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR BAGS ON THIS DAY. THE MORE WE GET, THE MORE MONEY WE RAISE! SO ENJOY HAVING A DE-CLUTTER OF CLOTHES THIS WEEKEND.
Thank you!

Dear Parents & friends – please look at our poster displaying details of our Summer Charity Fundraiser. The school parish are supporting the Rainbow Trust [voted as the school charity] & Christian Solidarity Worldwide which supports those persecuted for their faith.
We are planting up pots approx. 40cm highx30cm diam. and they will be on sale to enhance your patio in June. PLEASE support us.
Thank you. Revds. Hugh & Elisabeth

FAMILY RUN

Sunday 19th May

<https://resultsbase.net/event/5001>

We are now live! Please get friends and family to sign up for our annual family run by clicking on the link above.

