

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Dear Parents

This week we had an amazing collective worship delivered by Rabbits Class – telling us all about wisdom and the story found in Luke of the wise man who built his house upon the rocks and the foolish man, who was in a hurry and built his house upon the sand. Later in the week we talked about this story a bit more and how it is one of Jesus' parables, so it has a special meaning. Jesus compared himself to a rock when he explained that people who believe and trust in God are making a wise choice, like the wise man in the story. We reflected on 'making choices' in relation to life in school and remembered that wise choices usually lead to good outcomes while foolish ones do not. If we don't know the wisest thing to do then we should stop and think, talk to others, to God, and ask for help.

Well done to the following children for their wisdom certificate from home – to Charlotte for asking mummy to buy some food for the foodbank while out shopping, to Evie for helping her sisters to 'stop, look and listen' when crossing roads and to Samuel J for helping cut down a tree safely and making new toys from it – excellent reuse/recycling.

Thank you to everyone for bringing in their filled 'happy bags' on Tuesday, from which we raised a total of £208.44 just by getting rid of things that we no longer need – great to know that they will all be recycled.

It isn't very long now until our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St Matthew's Fun Run. I realised that I hadn't yet signed up, which probably means that there are probably quite a few others out there who intend to be there but who also haven't yet signed up (hopefully I'm not the only one!) So... my pledge today is to sign up using the link below and to forward the link to a few others who may get friends to sign up.... (there ... done it - easy!) Please sign up as soon as possible to help with the organisation of it all. Everyone is welcome – runners, walkers (like me), buggy pushers, scooters – it is always such fun and all participants get a medal (children can wear them to school on the following Monday to celebrate in assembly). There are prizes for winners in each category, a bacon roll for all and refreshments available from the ice cream bar. Sign up here and I look forward to seeing you there.

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

We also need people helping in the day, so if you are not walking or running why not join the lovely team of helpers! Sign up to help on

<https://volunteersignup.org/7FBBJ>

Our current, and wonderful, PTA team are either in their last year at St Matthew's or next year will be their last year, so we will be looking for new volunteers to help run the PTA. Isabel and Deena would still like to be involved next year but feel that it would be best to get other parents involved to ensure good continuity. The roles we have are PTA Chair, PTA Secretary and PTA Treasurer. We will provide a summary of the roles in due course but in the meantime if anyone is interested in getting more involved and taking on one of the roles please do let me or Isabel/Deena know.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Rev Hugh, his wife - Tina, Fiona and Alison (governors), Sam and Zoe (ex-pupil and parent) for working so hard and giving our sensory garden an overhaul this week. They have created a lovely quiet space for children to be able to have some quiet reflection time during outdoors playtimes and lunchtimes. The children

have already really enjoyed spending some time in this area – our current reflection theme is wisdom and making good choices. There are more plans for this area – I will keep you posted.

Our annual children’s sponsored walk is taking place on this Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May (May is galloping past!). This year the money raised is going towards playground resources for the children to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes – such as tuff-spot tables and games. A sponsor form is coming home today. The children will enjoy doing laps of the common – hopefully it will have dried out a bit by Thursday!

Well done to Sofia D and Lucas M for finishing their sticker chart.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hutt

### AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	Samuel for excellent RE work Gathia for his great improvement in speaking English. wow!!
<b>Otters:</b>	Tillia for amazing, confident swimming
<b>Badgers:</b>	Gabriel, for always working hard and trying his best

### Wisdom Award:



R – Eva for making wise choices as she knows how important trees are and that they ‘give us oxygen’

- Jack for being wise as he knows gold can be found underground.
- Hugo for being wise and telling us lots of interesting facts.

O – Harley for making wise choices about his behavior and focusing on his super swimming technique.

B – Mylo for always making smart choices.

<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Iyla B
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### DIARY DATES

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Children’s sponsored walk – pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming all classes
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Run 10am start time– everyone invited

### GATE DUTY w/c 13th May Parents of:

**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	S Hopley
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	I James
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	J Jones
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	T Juxon
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	L McCallum



**THANK YOU – WE MADE £208.44!**

## **FAMILY RUN**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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