

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

7th June 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have been learning about Pentecost – when the disciples knew they had to wait in Jerusalem as they had been asked, even though they were afraid and not sure what would happen. They were amazed by the sudden rush of wind in the room and flames that were above their heads, yet did not burn them, and that they could suddenly speak in foreign languages. They realised that this was what they had waited for, the Holy Spirit, - Church was born as they spread the word.

Today the children have enjoyed Pentecost Pause Day – working together on ideas about what the Holy Spirit might be like for Christians, responding with what they feel thankful for and writing some prayers of their own. Thank you to Adele for her Trinity Adoration prayer, which she shared in Collective Worship this week. Well done to the following children for their Wisdom certificate from home: to Tilly for collecting rubbish around Wisley Gardens – caring about wildlife and our planet; and to Tom for persevering when learning to ride his bike and when learning his phonics – well done both of you!

Well done to George and Sam J for winning the Chess Championship in Chess Club – a great achievement, and well done to all chess players who took part.

The Golden Boot Challenge 2019 is well under way with a competitive spirit between the classes – well done to all the children and families who are making extra effort to ride bikes and to park and stride. It is a great way to start the day and at the same time to be thinking about greener travel, even if being in a car is unavoidable, as it is for many of us.

Our present PTA Secretary, Chair and Treasurer are keen to remind you that they plan to step down at the end of term, so now is the time for those of you who are keen to take over let them know and they can do a good handover. Details of the roles are as follows:

PTA Chair

- Chair PTA meetings
- coordinate annual events such as Fayres, Cobham Light Parade, Summer Ball, Ladies Night, Film Clubs

PTA Secretary

- schedule dates for PTA meetings, cakes sales, film clubs etc
- provide agendas and meeting notes
- coordinate annual events as above
- organise St Matts branded merchandise

PTA Treasurer

- Bank any cheques and cash from PTA fundraising
- Create floats for Cobham light parade, Christmas & Summer Fayres, Fun Run and any other event
- keeping running total of PTA income and expenses
- provide quarterly updates on funds to Head and for inclusion in a newsletter
- do a charity year end account submission

The school allotment is looking amazing with lots of vegetables planted and seeds sown – but of course it is a lot of work and we are extremely grateful to the group of parents who have dedicated a lot of time and effort to make it happen for the children. At present, it is a fairly small group and it would really help if some more parents could help either regularly or occasionally – now is the time for lots of ongoing weeding and watering. Regular sessions are Tuesday 9-11:00 and Thursday 2:15-3:15. Ad hoc could be any time and if anyone wants to help but lacks confidence in what to do, I am always happy to wander across and give some direction. The allotment is a valuable learning resource for all classes, so having help really makes a difference to what we can produce to then cook etc. Many different learning experiences are gained through growing plants, for example recognising where food comes from, finding out about mini-beast habitats, different plants and weeds and changes in seasons, as well as estimating, measuring and weighing – then there is also the importance of working as a team and building well-being through connecting with nature and spending time in an outdoor classroom. Parents helping really does make a difference.

Next week is ‘Feeling Good’ Week and on Thursday we are doing lots of different ‘Feeling Good’ activities in mixed-class groups. On Thursday afternoon we are having our Great Get Together afternoon, where we celebrate our diverse backgrounds, sharing food and wearing something to represent our background. Thank you to parents who have returned slips already to let us know what food they will be bringing. It would be great if everybody could bring a contribution – the children will talk to their class about the food they have brought and what they are wearing, then the food will be shared with the school in the afternoon at 2pm. If you are able to help with setting the food out on Thursday afternoon, please let me know.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at our Father’s Day Assembly on Friday morning at 9:15. We are also welcoming Mr Long, our SIAMS Inspector, on Friday - and we are looking forward to showing him a day in the life of St Matthew’s. I am sure he will be impressed by the children and all the things they do and achieve. The previously planned informal book look after the assembly will now be rearranged due to changes in the timetable – parents will have the chance to look at books during parents’ evenings in July.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt.

The St Matthews chess Club is divided into 2 groups. There are 6 in the younger group and 5 in the older group. An all play all chess tournament was organised for the older group beginning in March. Chess competitions help motivate the players and they played one another twice involving 8 games for each player. George K started as the favourite but it became close when he lost against Charlie C in the 7th round. However, George won the return game and the tournament for which he was awarded a chess trophy. The other players, Charlie C, Dexter R, Alex G and James W each received a chess badge for taking part. A competition has now started for the younger group Mr Lawrence.

Well done to Tiber and Charlotte for finishing their sticker charts this week.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Julia for being an incredibly enthusiastic member of our class India for being an understanding friend
Otters:	Theo for being positive and working hard in all of his lessons
Badgers:	Charlie for always working really hard and having a great week.

Wisdom Award:	R – Wilf for making wise choices by waiting for his turns Amelie for being wise as she loves to do her homework Sienna for being wise knowing lots of interesting facts and always contributing
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O – Finnlay for making wise choices, especially on the carpet
 B – Ant R for making wise choices all week

Golden Tickets

Sam W, Gabriel, Isaac, Samuel, Lucas Allie, Sam J, George, Mollie and Sienna



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11 th June	New Rabbits induction morning 9.30-10.30
Wednesday 12 th June	New Rabbits induction morning 9.30-10.30
Thursday 13 th June	New Rabbits induction morning 9.30-10.30 Great Get Together Afternoon
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day Assembly 9.15am Badger's cake sale at 3.15pm

GATE DUTY w/c 10th June Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 10 th June	A Van Rooyen
Tuesday 11 th June	M Wells
Wednesday 12 th June	E Wheeler
Thursday 13 th June	A Williams
Friday 14 th June	T Woodward

