

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Dear Parents

This week we have talked about what happened at Pentecost, in preparation for our Pentecost Pause day on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The classes have been reading the story of 'The Helper' in the Lion Storyteller Bible – finding out that Jesus' disciples were waiting for the helper that he'd promised to send them and were very surprised by what happened. We have found out about the loud sound of the wind that blew nothing about, the flickering of flames above heads that did not burn and strange words pouring out of peoples' mouths. The disciples had discovered the Holy Spirit and how they could be filled with it, and wash away bad things by saying sorry. Our Pause Day will give opportunity for children to be engaged in some high-level thinking and reflection about Pentecost and what it means.

Thank you to my assembly helpers this week – Alice and Ella T – for helping to care for the altar and lead our responses. Well done to Sienna for her Wisdom certificate from home for making a wise choice when she found some money on the common – bringing it to the school office to hand it in. If anyone knows that they lost some money last Friday, please see Mrs Hutt. Well done to Zachary for his Wisdom certificate for reminding mummy about caring for God's creatures so that she helped a fly out of a window and saved it from being swatted!

We have a parents' prayer group with Rev Hugh on 'Open the Book' Tuesdays (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month) – if any parents would like to join in with any session, please come along at 9am. Each session lasts about half an hour. There is a prayer box by the office for prayer requests, which can be anonymous if preferred.

Today each class has taken information from the children about how they travelled to school for the Golden Boot Baseline – and the competition is on immediately after half term! For the month of June, we take part in the challenge to promote healthy and sustainable travel – a class gets a point for each pupil who walks, scoots, or cycles. For families where there is no alternative to using a car, points can be earned by doing a car share or 'park and stride' from the Cricketers car park. The challenge is web-based, and pupils can see immediately how their class is doing in a fun and interactive way.

Well done to Mollie for completing 6 challenges towards being a Young Climate Warrior Champion! She has had less water in her bath, turned lights off to save energy, had some vegetarian food and wore her clothes slightly more before putting them in the wash. She is setting a good example for us all and we look forward to Mollie's dad, Laurence, doing an assembly for us about this later in June. We will find out how we too can take part and see what we can achieve together. Please also see the attached letter from Laurence on behalf of Cobham Conservation and Heritage Trust inviting families to help with a litter pick on Downside on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm – if you do take part, let me know and send a picture in with your child (there might be a golden ticket!)

Now that the nicer weather has arrived, please can I remind parents to apply long-lasting sun cream on hot sunny days, provide a sun hat (preferably plain) and water bottle each day. Our girls' summer uniform is a blue and white checked dress – please try not to be drawn in to some of the alternatives that are springing up such as all-in-ones and t-shirt tops on dresses. If you have already purchased these, they will be allowed this summer, but we request that you don't buy these if you haven't yet, as they are not in keeping with our stated uniform. If

girls would like to wear lycra shorts under their dresses they may do so, if they are shorter than the dress. From next Spring we will remind parents a bit sooner to try to avoid these variations creeping in! Hair needs to be tied up with plain hair ties and without bows or intricate extras – plain blue or blue and white checked headbands are also allowed. We are talking to the children a lot about being smart and looking after their things – wearing uniform correctly really helps with our message.

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who organised and helped in last Sunday's St Matthew's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run. It was amazingly successful with the highest number of participants taking part yet and it was great to see so many families taking part too. Everyone commented on how well run it was, appreciated the bacon roll and celebrated the runners, walkers and scooters alike. I am really proud of all the children who took part – they were all incredible. I learnt that it is hard to keep up with a child on a scooter going downhill!! As well as everyone having a great time, this event raised the super amount of £1340.85!

Many thanks for all of the sponsored walk money which has come in – so far, we have raised an amazing £1132 which will be going towards playground resources, adding some new games and ideas to enhance playtimes and lunchtimes. We look forward to telling you how this money is being used next half term.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day that we can take old batteries in this year's collection, so have a last look at home over half term and bring them in on the first day back.

Have a lovely week

Mrs Hutt

 <b>SUPERSTARS</b>	<b>Rabbits: Jena</b>  <b>Otters: Mia</b>  <b>Badgers: Alex</b>
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<b>Wisdom Award:</b>  	<b>Rabbits: Allie, Madeleine, Samuel, Julia</b> <b>Otters: Emilio</b> <b>Badgers: Adele</b>
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<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Phoebe, Zachary
<b>Sticker Charts</b>	Tom, Isaac, Theo.

**DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm New Rabbit's Induction Evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming all classes

**GATE DUTY (8:40 to 9:00) w/c 20<sup>TH</sup> May Parents of:**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	H Sheen
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	S Shenton-Scott
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	W Simpson
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	A Taylor
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	S Tubb



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