

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

12th July 2019



Dear parents,

This week we have been inspired to write poems that reflect where we think God can be found, and poems that are full of different words to describe God - We now have an amazing collection of poems written by each child in Otters and Badgers (and by Mrs Skudder!) Rabbits did some great rhyming poems in groups. We are entering our poems into the Natre Spirited Poetry competition at the end of July. As we are only allowed to send in ten poems, it will be a difficult choice, and because all of them are thoughtful and amazing, we are putting them into a book which we will put in the entrance hall for you to read.

It has been a busy week, with reports and parent questionnaires going out – thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaire and report comment form already. If you haven't yet managed to do this, please can I encourage you to try to make time to complete them as we value the feedback that we receive each year. Feedback and comments are always reflected upon and are used to guide us - to keep doing the things that we do well and to address any areas that may need improving. If you haven't yet signed up for parents' evening next week, the sign-up sheets are by the office.

The staff and children have all been extremely helpful throughout our Oak Processionary Moth situation, during which we have not been able to use our playground. We are lucky to have the common to use at lunchtimes, but it has meant extra staffing and organising in an already busy day, so I thank the teachers and lunch-time supervisors. I am meeting our neighbour who owns the oak trees this weekend – a tree company is coming in and should be removing and incinerating the nests. If all goes to plan, I hope that we will be able to use the playground next week for playtimes and for our end of Year Assembly.

The children are all getting ready for moving up and moving on, celebrating the year that they have just had and looking forward to their next steps in their new class – and, for Badgers, in a new school. Our Assembly on Wednesday next week is for the whole school and for parents of all classes to attend who are able – Rabbits and Otters will be celebrating their year and together we all will be celebrating Badgers' time with us and their achievements as they move on. This is always a very special assembly and afterwards we will have some refreshments for everyone to round off the year and all the great things that we have achieved together as a school community.

Today I was able to let the children know how impressed Mr Long, our SIAMS inspector, was with them and St Matthew's – it was lovely to see how delighted they were that they had made such a good impression. We are delighted with the outcome of the report and to be able to finally share it with you – it has been a long wait!

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the St Matthew's Ball this evening – I sense a great evening ahead!


Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Rabbits:	Jack for being very observant and picking up lots of litter during our recent trip.
Otters:	Theo for improved concentration – well done!
Badgers:	Charlie for being an absolute superstar. You are amazing at making the right choices.

Wisdom Award:	Rabbits - Arlo for making wise decisions in school – being determined to get things right. Jessica for being wise wanting to find out always lots of information – amazing! Mollie for being wise and reminding us how to look after our world. Tiber for always being determined and resilient wow!
	Otters - Dominic for making wise choices all week and focusing on our class target of always listening to a grown up. Badgers – showing such wisdom about life and always making the right choices.

Golden Tickets



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16 th July	Parents evening 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 17 th July	9.15am Leavers Assembly all classes and all welcome
Thursday 18 th July	9.10am Piano and guitar mini concert Class party day 6pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening

GATE DUTY w/c 15th July Parents of: (8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 15th July	G Agnes
Tuesday 16th July	I Boon
Wednesday 17th July	C Bull
Thursday 18th July	F Bulley
Friday 19th July	E Burns

