

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> July 2019



Dear Parents

This week we have had a big focus on our end of year and leavers' assembly, with classes sharing their thoughts about what they have enjoyed this year and what they are looking forward to next year. This was all reflected so well in our special assembly on Wednesday, and it was lovely to share it all with so many parents, grandparents, governors and visitors. I am sure you will agree that the children in each class showed us what true superstars they all are as they shared their songs, poems and thoughts. The singing and actions were super – true St Matthew's style! Sue was really touched by all the special messages and by all of the surprises, especially the Greek / Abba dancing! She was floating on air and had a lovely happy feeling all day, which is just what we wanted - now she knows how much we have all appreciated her!

Wednesday was also great opportunity to thank some very helpful and dedicated people - the PTA have done a brilliant job this year, as have so many volunteers such as our gardeners, outdoor helpers, librarians and regular volunteers. Everyone who has helped the school in anyway this year has helped to be part of a team that makes us the amazing school community that we are – one that helps us to put the children first and to provide the very best that we can for them. The children have had a fantastic year and have achieved very well – now they are ready for their next steps in their new class or new school.

Thank you to Keira who shared a 'wisdom hand' that she made at home, telling us that it can remind us that wisdom is using our knowledge to help us to make good decisions. Thank you to Finnlay who shared his wisdom story about rabbits helping each other to solve a problem – Finnlay showed some great designs he had made to represent wisdom, responsibility and friendship. Thank you also to Evie and Edith, who shared their friendship trees that they had made.

Yesterday St Matthew's had a new Headteacher for the day. Mr Jackson was a kind and thoughtful headteacher, giving an extra-long play time to all the classes for the excellent work done this year. He greeted parents at our morning guitar and piano concert and gave some flowers to Mrs Piantino at the end. He helped lead our assembly where we read the story of the Hare and the Tortoise and talked together about what the story can teach us all about wisdom. We had lots of good ideas and decided that slow and steady wins the race, and that it is never wise to boast. Rabbits class enjoyed the story of the Snail and the Mail that Mr Jackson read to them. Overall Mr Jackson was so good and popular that I was beginning to fear for my job!

Well done to all the Otters and Badgers who have been playing chess this term – Mr Lawrence is very impressed with how everyone is improving. In this term's chess tournament, the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sam and George, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Theo and Charlie, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alice and Dexter. Well done to everyone who took part!

A date for your diaries is Cobham Heritage Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, when we will be inviting as many St Matthew's children as possible to come along and perform as part of our Maypole dancing team. The classes have been practising this term and will also practise in the first couple of weeks back. St Matthew's has been invited to take part in a flower festival that is taking place in St Andrew's Church as part of the Heritage Day celebrations. We will need to provide a flower arrangement and, as I am not brilliant at flower arranging, I am hoping that we have some keen and able parents who might like to take this on – do let me know!

It is hard to believe that next week is the end of the Summer term – this year has flown by! Children finish at 1:15 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and it looks as if we will all enjoy a sunny end to the term – long may it last!

Well done to Jessica for finishing her sticker chart this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt



#### AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	All of Rabbits Class because you have been such a delight to have in class. We will miss you and are very proud of you all.
<b>Otters:</b>	All of Otters for being superstars all year!
<b>Badgers:</b>	Freya for being such a lovely, kind and caring member of Badger class

#### Wisdom Award:



R – Tilly for making wise choices on a regular basis in class. Wow!  
India and Hugo for coming up with great ideas about what games we can play at our minibeasts bug ball  
O – Sam for making lots of wise choices whilst being Head for the day. Well done!  
B – George for always choosing wisely and showing great wisdom about the world around us.

#### Golden Tickets

Tom, Poppy, Sophie, Arlo, Julia, Dylan, Finnlay, Charlotte, Isaac, Edith, Genevieve, Gracie and Keira



#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of school finishing at 1.15pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY – staff training day

**GATE DUTY w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> July Parents of:**

**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	E Cocolios
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	E Cook
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY



**Reminder:**

**Please could all Badger's remember to return their reading books by Monday.**

**Also any other library books should all be returned by Monday morning.**

**Thank you!**

Downside & Hatchford's Sports and Family day will once again take place on August Bank Holiday Monday, on Downside Common. With "FREE ENTRY" "FREE PARKING" and loads of "FREE" Entertainment for all the family.

This day started in the 19th Century, as a way of bringing the village community together for some fun and games. This family fun day continues to grow each year. So why not join us this year for a day full of fun, fun, fun! On Downside Common from 10.30am till 4.30pm. So bring your gazebos, chairs and all the family including your four legged friend and you too can share this adventure.

We have over 40 "FREE TO ENTER" races for all the family ranging from the light-hearted yet fiercely competed wheelbarrow, three-legged, spider and sack races, to the slightly more technical mile race. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place rosettes are awarded in all races.

Between races the crowd will be kept entertained with Hay Bale Tossing, Welly Throwing and Tug of War Competitions. There will also be an Exotic Mobile Zoo, Birds of Prey Shows, "Juggling Jake" Magic & Circus Shows, Circus Workshops, Face Painting, Egbert the Explorer, Archery, Auction, Tombola, Live Music and the very popular Novelty Dog Show.

Stalls, rides and sideshows will fill the common, many raising money for local charities and worthy causes. Hot & cold food, together with an all day bar will be available,

Why not visit our website on [www.downsidesportsday.co.uk](http://www.downsidesportsday.co.uk) for all the latest news on this year's event. We are also on Facebook & Twitter.