

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

21st June 2019



Dear Parents,

This week we have been talking about how Jesus was a friend to all, including little children. When the disciples were arguing about who was best amongst them, or the closest to Jesus, some children had come to see him. The disciples tried to send them away but Jesus said, 'don't send them away – bring the little ones to me.' We had a discussion about which of our values we could see in this story and we found friendship and wisdom – friendship in that all are welcome, and wisdom in recognising that children are important and have a voice.

On Monday, Sophia A, Mylo and Harriet represented St Matthew's at the Effingham Partnership Infant School Council meeting. The discussion was about looking after our environment, something we all care about at St Matthew's. The whole school met to share ideas about what we think is most important and ways that we can make a difference, and our representatives took our ideas to the meeting at Polesden Lacey Infant School. It was a fabulous meeting, where the children showed a good understanding of what is happening to the planet and why we need to act. We now have a poster created at the meeting that lists all the ideas – we will look at this as a school and choose our next steps for action.

On Monday, Mollie's dad, Laurence Wells came along to tell everyone about 'Young Climate Warriors' and how we can take part. The Young Climate Warriors provides an opportunity for schools, families and individuals to help children engage in and learn about climate change - empowering them to take positive action to help cut carbon emissions. I have registered us as a school and we will receive weekly term-time challenges – by undertaking the same challenge in the same week together, we will all be working together as a team, helping to make a difference. The aim is to help children feel that their input is valuable and being part of a team can help them to achieve a bigger goal. Parents can click on the link (Google: "Young Climate Warriors Subscribe" and then click on the "Subscribe" icon to register their child(ren). This will lead to a weekly email with the challenge for that week. Parents can then "hit the red button" to show that the challenge has been completed. Once 5 challenges are completed, a certificate is sent that can be brought in and celebrated in our Friday assembly. Please reference St Matthew's when you subscribe. This week's challenge is to research how far your food has travelled and to choose to eat more seasonal, local produce.... Don't forget to hit the red button if you take up this challenge!

We are keen to start recycling crisp packets as a school, so please send in crisp, popcorn and nut packets in and we will find a container to collect them in!

On Tuesday, some of our Badgers took part in the Year 2 Swimming Gala against Feltonfleet. Well done to Loki, Phoebe, Sam, Ruby, Gracie, Dexter, Alex, Freya and Finley for representing St Matthew's so well, we are all so proud of you! You didn't win on the score, but you weren't far behind and you rose to the challenge brilliantly – you were a great team all round and it was very good experience for the future.

On Wednesday, Tina – Rev Hugh's wife, came in to talk to the school about the charity that she works for, International Health Partner (IHP). We found out that there are many countries where medicines can be very scarce, particularly in village and rural areas, and that we are very lucky in the United Kingdom to have access to such good medical care and medicines. Next week we are going to get together in small groups and decide how much money we would like to raise for IHP and how we might go about doing that. £1 provides calpol for 3 children, £10 can help provide different medicines such as calpol, inhalers and antibiotics for 10 children, and £450 would provide a whole box that could help up to 900 children. IHP is our global charity that we have chosen to support.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Mickleburgh for creating the lovely Father's Day coasters with the children's artwork – they looked fantastic! Thank you to Isabel and Danielle for dusting the library ready for our special visitor last Friday – I forgot to mention you in my thanks last week :)

We are happy to announce that Sian McDonnell, mother of Madeleine, has been elected as our new parent governor as of 18th June 2019 – the governors welcome you on board.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at our school summer fair tomorrow, from 2 – 4:30pm. The children will be singing at 4pm, which always makes a lovely end to our fair.... And, at last, the weather is looking favourable!!

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

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



SUPERSTARS

Rabbits:	Summer for making big improvements all round in her learning.
Otters:	Ella B for working so hard all week, particularly in literacy where you wrote 5 pages!
Badgers:	Badgers – all of them for always working so hard, for having a great pirate day and for their most amazing pirate show!

	Wisdom Award:	R – Julia & Lottie for being wise and knowing how to work out the answer for 1 more or 1 less than a given number
		Sophie for learning so many of her tricky words
		O – Mia for showing lots of wisdom when talking to Mr Long about your work in RE
		B – Loki for being so wise and always sharing his wisdom with others.

Golden Tickets	Charlie, Adele, Gabriel, Keira, Ant, Anthony, Milly x2, Loki, Phoebe, Sam, Freya, Gracie, Finley, Dexter and Alex
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DIARY DATES

Saturday 22 nd June	Summer Fair 2-4.30pm
Wednesday 26 th June	'Great Get Together Afternoon' for the children
Thursday 27 th June	'The Jungle Book' Production for the children
Friday 28 th June	Last Swim lesson for Rabbits & Year 1 Badgers class trip to Greenwich Maritime Museum (registration at 8.45am)

GATE DUTY w/c June Parents of:

(8.40 – 9.00am)

Monday 24 th June	A Gow
Tuesday 25 th June	G Kinnersly
Wednesday 26 th June	G McCallum
Thursday 27 th June	A Mckenna
Friday 28 th June	L Othman



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We will be holding a preloved uniform sale for our new Rabbits on Wednesday 3rd July during transition morning and for the whole school next Friday 28th June at 3.15pm. It is that time of year where you may be thinking of buying new uniform, so if you have any good condition, branded uniform items that have been outgrown or no longer needed, please donate to us by 28th June. We can only accept good condition, washed items.

Thank you!

Sarah / Mrs Gow

School Photos

Your children will all come home with a sample of their class photo today. If you would like to order one, please go to www.flashlight-photography.co.uk. You will have a username and password on your sample photo. Please place your orders by 4th July.

Thank you

CAKE SALE UPDATE

Badgers cake sale made an amazing £108 last week, thank you!

Otters cake sale money from March has bought the class some metal cars, play and explore fossils, Water play set, 2 inflatable labelling globes and multicultural dolls. The Otters ice-cream sale in May made £86.00 which they have chosen to spend on individual white boards. Thank you for all your support 😊

Young Climate Warriors Litter Pick

Please join us on Sunday 7th July at 2pm to help with a litter pick. We will be meeting by no.44 Furniture & Fine Things shop on the corner of the Portsmouth Road and Between Streets. High Viz jackets, litter pickers and bags will be supplied. Parents just need to bring themselves, their children, gloves and dress appropriately. The litter pick lasts no more than one hour! Thank you.