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Diary Dates

January 2020

Tues 14th 9am & 2.30pm Reception & Nursery parents workshop - literacy
Wed 15th 7pm Governors meeting
Fri 24th 9am Music assembly

February 2020

Thurs 6th 10.00—12.00 Yr 5/6 Badminton Inspire event at de Stafford.
Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
Wed 12th 12.00—3pm Key Steps gymnastics competition at Don-yngs

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Half term

Tues 25th 4pm Cross country practice at Priory Park, Reigate

March 2020

Mon 2nd Book Week
Wed 4th Star Steppers dance show at the Harlequin Theatre
Thurs 5th World Book Day - Dress Up as your favourite book character
Mon 9th Inset Day / school closed— staff training day
Wed 11th 4pm Cross country race at Priory Park, Reigate
Wed 11th 7pm Governors meeting
Tues 17th 5:30 - 8:00pm Parents Evening
Wed 18th Yr 5/6 netball tournament at St Bede's
Weds 18th 3:30 - 6:00pm Parents Evening
Mon 23rd Year 6 Trip to Bank of England
Tues 24th Yr 5 Easter Experience at Reigate Park Church
Wed 25th Yr 5/6 football tournament at Sandcross School
Mon 30th Lent Appeal Week

April 2020

Weds 1st Final swimming lessons of term
Thurs 2nd 10am Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
Fri 3rd Last day of spring term 2.30 finish.
Mon 20th Inset Day / school closed— staff training day
Tues 21st Children return to school - summer term
Weds 22nd Swimming Starts
Tues 28th Sun class visit to Kent Wildlife Trust

May 2020

Wed 6th Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral
Wed 6th 7pm Governors meeting
Fri 8th Bank Holiday (VE day 75th anniversary) School closed.
w/b 11th Yr 6 KS2 SATS
Wed 20th Big Sing at Gatton Park
Fri 22nd Inset Day / school closed— staff training day
Mon 25th - Fri 29th half term

June 2020

W/b 8th Year 1 Phonics Screening
Fri 12th Sun Class Panathlon (tbc)
Fri 12th Yr 6 leavers service jazz rehearsal at Southwark Cathedral
w/b 22nd Activities week, including watersports at Mercers Lake
Fri 26th Sports Day & picnic lunch (am: Yrs 3,4,5,6 ; pm: Rec, Yr 1,2)

Tues 30th Induction Day for new pupils joining St Matthew's
Tues 30th Induction Day. Yr 6 pupils to secondary schools

July 2020

Thurs 2nd District sports at RGS Hartwood
Thurs 9th Yr 3 trip to Fishbourne
Wed 8th 7pm Governors meeting
Thurs 9th Yr 3 trip to Fishbourne
Fri 10th Yr 6 to perform at Leavers Services at Southwark Cathedral
Tues 14th 2:30pm Year 4 Clarinet Concert. Parents welcome
Weds 15th Final swimming lessons of term
Wed 15th & Thurs 16th School production
Fri 17th Annual Reports sent home to parents
Mon 20th 3:30 - 5:00pm "drop in" Parents Evening
Tues 21st Leavers Service at St Matthew's Church
Weds 22nd End of Year - Children finish at 2:30pm

Welcome back to a new academic term and a Happy New Year to you and your families!

We hope that the children enjoyed their Christmas holidays. It is a pleasure to see them back in school, already enjoying great learning activities. Looking ahead, this term includes a range of trips, visitors and sporting activities. It is great to see the children involved with the wider aspects of school life.



As always, please keep a note of the diary dates to the left hand side of this newsletter and add the relevant dates to your own personal diary.

We warmly welcome new pupils and families to St Matthew's School and are also delighted to introduce Mrs Rose, our new SENCO / Special Needs Coordinator.

Stars After School Club

If you want your child to attend Stars you must **book and pay in advance** via the school office.

Please do not just tell your child to go to Stars without having contacted the office to check there is a place available that day.

It is great that Stars is so popular but we need to be sure of numbers attending so we can ensure excellent supervision and adequate food!

£3.50 for one session (until 4:30pm)

£7.00 for two sessions (until 5:30pm)

Please can we remind parents that you must ensure that you collect your child no later than 5:30pm. It is not fair on our wonderful staff (and is also distressing for the children) when they are left waiting as the school is being locked.

If you have not yet registered for **Parent Mail** or downloaded the app then please do so at your earliest convenience. By doing so, you will stay up to date with relevant communications and also, should your child be unwell, be able to report their absence via the app. If you are having any issues, please speak to Miss Cramp in the school office.



Please make sure you have received and read the latest **Curriculum Information** so you know what your child will be learning this half term and can help and encourage their learning at home as well as at school.

Information about this term's **clubs** has also been sent home today. Clubs start next week. If your child was in a club last term, it does not automatically allocate them a space this term; you will need to fill in another slip which needs to be returned to the office as soon as possible to secure your place.



Have Faith - Encourage - Aim High

Good attendance at school is key!

100% is the expected attendance for every child.
95% is the minimum expected.



Class attendance w/b 6th January

Nursery	87.2%	Reception	93.6%
1S	94%	1W	97.8%
2T	98.8%	2P	100%
3P	90.1%	3H	99.2%
4C	99.2%	4P	96.5%
5C	99%	5K	96.4%
6M	97.5%	6F	94%
Sun Class	94.17%		

If your child is genuinely unwell, parents must notify the school office by telephone 01737 762080 or via the ParentMail app before 8:30am each day to report and give the reason for your child's absence.

An important notice for Nursery Parents!

Please be aware that the **deadline for applications** for Reception class places for September 2020 is next **Wednesday 15th January**.

Please note that just because your child attends St Matthew's nursery they are not automatically allocated a place in our reception class. You must apply via Surrey Admissions

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions
0300 200 1004



If you do not apply by Wednesday, your child will be one of the last to be allocated a reception place, even if they have siblings at a school.

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2020

Contact the school office or speak to Miss Hekmoun for more information

For Nursery and Reception parents

Helping your child with literacy

Tuesday 14th January

9.00am or 2.30pm in the school hall



Steps to Outstanding

The term started for staff on Monday with a very positive and productive inset training day, looking at plans and priorities for the term.

This afternoon, our school hosted SDBE training regarding the Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS.) It was wonderful to be able to showcase the great things we do here at St Matthew's to leaders and teachers from other Surrey and London schools. SIAMS inspection focuses on the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish.

This is explored through seven strands:

- Vision and Leadership
- Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
- Character Development: Hope, Aspiration and Courageous Advocacy
- Community and Living Well Together
- Dignity and Respect
- The impact of collective worship
- The effectiveness of religious education

St Matthew's School's previous SIAMS inspection was very positive with "good" and "outstanding" grades. We continue to strive in everything we do to enable all the children and adults in our school community to flourish.



Music Assembly Friday 24th January 9am

We are looking forward to our Music Assembly. A number of children have already signed up to perform and share their musical talents with us. If you would like to perform please add your name to the list in the school office.

Staff News!



We send our love and congratulations to Mrs Jeffery and family following the birth of a baby son.

Swimming in the Spring term



A reminder that the following classes will be swimming every Wednesday so don't forget your kit - costume, towel, hat, goggles! 3P 5C 4P 6M Sun Class

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