



**Friday 10th May 2019 • Summer Term • Newsletter 30**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**May 2019**

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| Mon 13th             | 10am Reception Class visit to St Matthew's Church                       |
| Throughout May       | KS1 / Yr 2 SATS   |
| w/b 13th             | KS2 / Yr 6 SATS <i>Mon: SPAG; Tues: Reading; Wed &amp; Thurs: Maths</i> |
| Mon 13th & Tues 14th | Yr 1 Pedals   |
| Weds 15th            | Panathlon Event at Donyngs -Sun Class                                   |
| Fri 17th             | Yr 4 trip to Wakehurst  |
| <b>Tue 21st</b>      | <b>9am Meeting for Yr1 parents - phonics check</b>                      |
| Tues 21st            | Cricket tournament at Merstham CC                                       |
| Thurs 23rd           | Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral                                |
| Thurs 23rd           | 7pm Governors Meeting   |
| Fri 24th             | Inset/staff training day (assessment) School closed to pupils           |
| Mon 27th - Fri 31st  | Half term   |

**June 2019**

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| w/b 3rd          | Year 6 Bikeability   |
| Wed 5th          | Swimming: 3P, 4B, 5C, Sun Class , Yr 6 girls, Yr 5/6 booster |
| Thurs 6th        | 9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's                 |
| <b>Thurs 6th</b> | <b>Yr 3/4 More able writers' workshop</b>                    |
| w/b 10th         | Yr 1 phonics screening check                                 |
| Weds 12th        | 'A Class Act' performance at Harlequin Theatre               |
| Fri 21st         | Rounders Tournament at Earlswood                             |
| Wed 26th         | Science Show - whole school                                  |
| Mon 24th         | Yr 6 Sparkfish transition workshops                          |
| Fri 28th         | St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec        |
| Sun 30th         | Sunday Funday  |

**July 2019**

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| Tues 2nd              | Induction Day for new pupils. Yr 6 to secondary schools |
| Wed 3rd               | District Sports am field events pm track events at RGS  |
| Wed 10th              | Last swimming lessons of year.                          |
| Wed 10th              | 7pm Governors Meeting                                   |
| Thurs 11th            | Year 6 trip to "Connect with the Countryside"           |
| Fri 12th              | Year 6 Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral          |
| Wed 17th & Thurs 18th | 7.30pm Production                                       |
| Fri 19th              | School reports sent home to parents                     |
| Mon 22nd              | 3.30pm - 5pm Drop in parents evening                    |
| Tues 23rd             | 10am Leavers' Service at St Matthew's Church            |
| Wed 24th              | Last day of term. Children go home at 2.30pm (No Stars) |

**"A Class Act" Show at the Harlequin Theatre**

**Wednesday 12th June 5.30pm**

Tickets are now on sale direct from the Harlequin Theatre Box Office, in person, by 'phone or online

[www.harlequintheatre.co.uk](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.uk) or 01737 276500

Tickets are selling fast so don't miss out!

Two of our St Matthew's dance groups will be performing

- Gifted & Talented Dancers - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Boys' Street Dance Group

Please see Mrs Baillie-Young for more information.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians chapter 4 verses 6 and 7 [The Bible]*



**What a fantastic week at St Matthew's.**

It's been a shorter school week due to the Bank Holiday weekend, but we have had a very productive time full of high quality learning for all our children.

Yesterday morning, our Reception classes enjoyed a walk into Redhill to visit the library and enjoy the fantastic range of books available to borrow and read for free! The children particularly enjoyed the "Willy The Wimp" stories by Antony Browne. Thank you to Miss Cunnington, EYFS leader, and the Reception staff team for arranging this. We are very fortunate to have such great facilities, like Redhill library, so close to our school that the children can utilise in and out of school hours.

Year 4 put their cooking skills to the test this week making tasty treats for their Varmints tea party yesterday afternoon. Thank you to parents who came along to join with the children and to encourage and celebrate their learning and achievements.



**Next week - Yr 6 SATS**

**Monday 13th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 (questions) & Paper 2 (spelling)**

**Tuesday 14th May - English reading**

**Wednesday 15th May - Mathematics Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (reasoning)**

**Thursday 16th May- Mathematics Paper 3 (reasoning)**

We are very proud of all our year 6 pupils, their individual personalities, abilities and achievements in and out of the classroom. They have worked very hard, with excellent support from their teachers and parents, and we know they are going to do their best next week. Make sure you get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast to give you the energy and concentration to succeed!



**Please remember the importance of the children being on time to school every day.**



**A child who is just 10 minutes late for school each day misses 32 hours per school year.**

**Children need to be in the playground by 8.45 at the latest each morning**

**A great day, in school every day...  
Children must be in school every day!**



*Improving attendance is a key priority!*  
100% is the expected attendance for every child.  
95% is the minimum expected.

**Class attendance w/b 6th May**

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|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Nursery   | 95.7% | Sun Class | 96.4% |
| Squirrels | 95.1% | Hedgehogs | 88.1% |
| 1C        | 98.4% | 1M        | 98.4% |
| 2G        | 97.9% | 2P        | 99%   |
| 3P        | 94.9% | 3H        | 96.6% |
| 4B        | 96.7% | 4P        | 98.8% |
| 5C        | 98.7% | 5K        | 99.1% |
| 6M        | 97.9% | 6F        | 99.1% |

**Phonics Meeting - Yr 1 & some Yr 2  
Tuesday 21st May 9am - school hall**

**Important meeting for parents of all children in Year 1 (and some Year 2) to give information about this year's national phonics check (w/b 10th June) and how you can help your child.**

**Please speak with your child's teacher for more information**

**Phonics**

**A reminder to everyone! Please use the litter bins!**

The children have noticed that, whilst the playgrounds are free from litter during the day, crisp packets and other snack wrappers are being discarded at the end of the school day - ie when adults are on the playground! Please can all parents make sure any wrappers and other litter are put into the bins, not dropped carelessly and selfishly on the floor. We have wonderful, well-kept school grounds and we want to keep them that way!



**Steps to Outstanding!**

Today St Matthew's School was proud to host a meeting for the Headteachers of the eight schools in the SDBE Multi Academy Trust. We were delighted to show our colleagues around our school. For most of them it was their first visit to St Matthew's. They were clearly impressed by what they saw and heard. As usual, our children were wonderful ambassadors for our school, confidently and eloquently explaining their learning and showing their work to our guests. The children's excellent behaviour and courtesy was also noted by our visitors.

Yesterday Mrs Lightfoot, Mrs Penfold and Moira Astin (Chair of Governors) met with Mark Burnett (MAT COO) and Craig Morrison (SDBE advisor) for our half-termly Action Group meeting where we review the school's actions, progress and achievements and on-going improvement work. The meeting was extremely positive with great support, praise and encouragement from our MAT colleagues, recognising the many strengths of the school, the accuracy of our own school self evaluation and the relentless drive from school leaders and staff to ensure excellent outcomes for all our pupils. The MAT judges St Matthew's School to be in a strong place as we await our next Ofsted inspection.



**Free Nursery Places at St Matthew's School  
Full time and part time nursery places available for September 2019**

**Afternoon places available now for the summer term 2019  
Please contact the school office to secure your child's place.**

Just a reminder also that, **Friday 24th May is an INSET day so there will be no school for the children.** The teachers will be working that day, with the focus being assessment and reporting pupils progress and achievement.

**Thursday 23rd May - Elections**

On 23rd May, St Matthew's school hall will be used as a polling station. **School will remain open to the children as usual.** Please note, however, that on this day, the children who usually have a hot school dinner will be provided with a packed lunch from our kitchen. Other children should bring in a packed lunch from home as usual. All the children will eat in their classrooms.

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**Useful telephone numbers:**

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