St. Matthew's
Church of England Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2019

Tues 15th	**9am "Tapestry" workshop for nursery and reception class parents**
Thurs 17th	More able writers event Yr 5/6
Mon 28th	Yr 5 Air Pollution workshop

February 2019

Wed 6th	12 noon Yrs 3.4.5.6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Donyngs
Tues 12th	4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country race at Priory Park
Weds 13th	Netball Match away at RAAS
Thurs 14th	9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
Mon18th - Fri 22nd	Half Term
Tues 26th	4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country practice race at Priory Park

March 2019

w/b 4th	Book Week
Tues 5th	Star Steppers show at Harlequin Theatre
Weds 6th	Netball Match away at St John's
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Mon 11th	Inset/staff training day (with local schools) - School closed
Tues 12th	5.30pm - 8pm parents/teacher consultation evening
Wed 13th	3.30pm - 6pm parents/teacher consultation evening
Mon 18th	Yr 5 air pollution workshop
Mon 18th & Tues 19th	Year 4 bikeability
Wed 20th	PM Yr. 5 & 6 Football Tournament at Sandcross
Wed 20th	**Netball Rally at Reigate Grammar School**
Thurs 21st	PM Reserve date for Yr 5 & 6 Football at Sandcross
Fri 22nd	Yr5 Sparkfish "Easter Experience" at Reigate Park Church
Mon 25th	Performing Arts Show dress rehearsal at Harlequin
Wed 27th	pm Yr. 5 & 6 Netball Tournament at Reigate Priory
Thurs 28th	pm Reserve date for Yr. 5 & 6 Netball at Reigate Priory
Sun 31st	10am Mothering Sunday Service at St Matthew's Church

April 2019

Mon 1st	St Matthew's Performing Arts Show at Harlequin Theatre 10am and 4pm Details re tickets to follow
Wed 3rd	Last day of swimming for this term
Thurs 4th	10am Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
Fri 5th	Last day of term for the children. Finish 2.30pm (No Stars)
Tues 23rd	Inset/staff training day (moderation) - School closed
Wed 24th	Children return to school
Wed 24th	Swimming starts (3H,4P, 5K, Sun Class, Yr 6 boys, booster)

May 2019

Mon 6th	Bank Holiday
Throughout May	KS1 / Yr 2 SATS
w/b 13th	KS2 / Yr 6 SATS (Mon: SPAG; Tues: Reading; Wed & Thurs: Maths)
Fri 24th	Inset/staff training day (assessment) School closed to pupils
Mon 27th - Fri 31st	Half term

June 2019

w/b 3rd	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 5th	Swimming: 3P, 4B, 5C, Sun Class , Yr 6 girls, Yr 5/6 booster
Wed 5th	pm Cricket Tournament at Merstham CC
Thurs 6th	9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
w/b 10th	Yr 1 phonics screening check
Wed 26th	Science Show - whole school
Fri 28th	St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec

July 2019

Tues 2nd	Induction Day for new pupils. Yr 6 to secondary schools
Wed 3rd	District Sports am field event pm track event at RGS
Wed 10th	Last swimming lessons of year.
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

School Lunch. For your information, if your child enjoys a tasty school lunch each day, this half term will cost £73.60, the second half term will cost £66.70 which makes a total cost of £140.30

It has been a great first full week back at school and there are lots of exciting trips and visits to look forward to throughout the rest of the academic year. Yesterday Year 4 enjoyed a walk around Redhill, identifying key buildings and facilities in our town. They will be using this information in their English lessons during the next few weeks.

Also this week, **3P, 4B, 5C,6M** and **Sun Class** started their term of swimming at Donyngs . Please make sure that your child remembers their swimming bag each Wednesday.

Clubs begin next week!

The children are very privileged to have such a wide range of clubs and activities on offer to them at both lunchtimes and after school. The majority of these are provided free of charge, thanks to our dedicated staff volunteering their time and skills. Please make sure that you check the clubs timetable for times and dates.

Please note that if your child **does not** get a place at one of their chosen clubs, parents will be notified. The child's name will then go on the waiting list or they might want to join another club.

We have been notified that parentmail have changed some of their settings, which has resulted in the emails going to some people's **SPAM inbox**. Therefore, can we please advise **all parents** to check in their SPAM inbox to see if messages have gone into there. If they have, just mark the email sender as 'not SPAM' to avoid this happening again.

Alternatively, if you do not receive parentmail then please do let the office staff know your **email address** so that we can add you to it. It is a great way to get important information and updates at the tip of your fingers. And it saves paper too!

Music Assembly Friday 18th January

We are looking forward to our Music Assembly next Friday morning. A good number children have signed up to perform and share their musical talents. Anyone else who would like to perform should add their name to the list in the school office.

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

Improving attendance is a key priority!
Good attendance at school improves children's achievement and success now and in the future. The next big attendance prize will be awarded at Easter.

Class attendance w/b 7th January

Nursery	88.1%	Sun Class	100%
Squirrels	89.5%	Hedgehogs	92.6%
1C	99.6%	1M	96.4%
2G	99.2%	2P	85.9%
3P	94.2%	3H	97.4%
4B	100%	4P	100% *Well done!*
5C	94.5%	5K	98.5%
6M	96.7%	6F	93%

Steps to Outstanding

Yesterday we had our safeguarding visit carried out by Helen Jones (SDBE MAT Safeguarding Partner.) We are delighted that her report states that "**The school's evidence base for safeguarding is robust."** Mrs Jones was extremely complimentary about the school's strong culture of safeguarding.

We warmly welcome Mr McLaughlin, Deputy Headteacher from St Stephen's School in South Godstone, who is seconded to work with us here at St Matthew's, two days each week, during this term.

Staying Healthy!

Whilst we continue our drive for excellent attendance from all pupils, it is important to remind parents that if children have had vomiting or diarrhoea they must be clear for 48 hours before returning to school. It is also important that at home and at school we teach and remind the children of the importance of basic hygiene, particularly handwashing after using the toilet and before eating.

Breakfast and After School (Stars) Club

We recognise that some parents have busy schedules in the mornings and therefore may benefit from our breakfast club, which is run by our own school staff from 8am each day in the school hall. Children can enjoy a healthy and tasty breakfast as well as fun and games with their friends before their day at school begins. Breakfast Club costs £3.00 a day. You can book in advance or "pay as you go!"

We also have our own after school club called Stars. The children can attend either 1 session (until 4:30pm) or 2 sessions (until 5:30pm). This costs £3.50 a session For more information or to book your place, please contact the school office. If you need to book your child in for the same day, please ring the office during the day and let us know. Childcare vouchers can be used.

Do you like **embroidery, textiles and sewing**? If so Surrey Young Embroiderers' Guild meets seven times a year on Saturdays at The Scout Hut, Timperley Gardens, Redhill and new members are always welcome. It's for children aged 8 and upwards and the cost is £6 a session (£5 for members). The next event is on **Saturday 19th January** when they will be making 'Happy Hens'.

If you are interested to know more, please contact Alison by email on alison3244@gmail.com or call Brenda on 01737 761552. Why not give it a try!

Reminder!

Should parents have any concerns or questions about your child, please remember that you should speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
If the class teacher is not available, you should speak to the phase leader. These are as follows:
Mrs Gizzi - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Mrs Moyle - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Parents of children in nursery and reception classes
Tuesday 15th January 9am in the school hall. Come and learn how you can access and contribute to your child's learning journal via "Tapestry" on line system

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