

St. Matthew's
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Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a lovely half term break, particularly with the sun shining! The children and staff have enjoyed a successful and creative week at school and are looking forward to the exciting activities and opportunities planned for the rest of this summer term.

This week has been our **Creative Writing Week** with the children using their imagination to solve the puzzle of the mysterious large eggs discovered in the pagoda in our playground. High quality drama, story writing, report writing and poetry have been in evidence across the school. Year 2 children described the eggs as "nestled on top of the soft hay to keep them warm" and an animated conversation began.



Sthuthi suggested that the eggs were in the pagoda "because it is a warm place where lots of sunlight can get in."

Majed said, "The pagoda is a safe place." Afsah added, "Because St Matthew's is a safe place."

Mounesh was very excited, "These eggs have been here since half term! The animal laid them there because no one was around!"

Abbass thought, "They have been hatched by a dodo who has been brought back to life." while Stepan suggested, "They have come from a forest far away."

"Or from the Yellow Sea in China!" said Sophia

We look forward to seeing and reading the children's completed writing. We have very talented authors in our midst!

Next week is **Arts Week**: 'Take One Picture' is the theme. Each year group will take part in a special art workshop, learning about a particular painting and the artist, while using their skills and creativity to produce their own masterpieces ready to be displayed in our own school art exhibition. As well as enjoying the visual arts, Year 6 will continue to develop their composition and performing arts skills in the very capable hands of professional jazz musician Pete Letanka. Yr 6 parents are invited to a concert on Friday 18th June, 2pm.



Following this, the week commencing 21st June is **Activities Week**. More information will be shared next week. The children will enjoy a variety of outdoor and sporting activities including crazy golf, archery, climbing wall and dance. Years 3,4,5 and 6 will also have a great day of water sports with Aqua Sports at Mercers Lake in Merstham. Again, details will follow, including what to wear and bring each day, so please read all of the information carefully.

SPORTS DAY A reminder! This year's **Sports Day** is for the **children and staff only** as, due to the current situation, we are not able to invite parents to attend. We look forward to you joining us next year!

If you have not yet already done so, please consent and pay for all upcoming trips and Aqua Sport activities by using Arbor. If you are having any difficulties, please contact Miss Cramp in the office who will be more than happy to help.

Next Academic Year's Term Dates (2021/2022)

Autumn Term 2021/2022

Wednesday 1st September - Friday 17th December

Half Term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Spring term 2021/2022

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 1st April

Half Term: Monday 14th - Friday 18th February

Summer Term 2021/2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd July

Half term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Inset Days:

Wednesday 1st September Tuesday 4th January
Tuesday 19th April Friday 27th May
and one other date to be confirmed

We are delighted that St Matthew's Primary School will be hosting the holiday, activity and food (HAF) programme this summer.

This is a national programme announced by Department for Education. For the first four weeks of the summer holidays, **pupils eligible for free school meals** will be able to access physical activity and food without any cost to parents. Club4 will provide fun, friends, food and fitness delivered by the Kinetic Foundation team with catering by Team 1215. **The programme will run from 26th July – 19th August from 10-2pm, Monday to Thursday every week, here at St Matthew's School.** Children will be able to try new sports, make new friends and be fed in a fun and safe environment. There will be nutritional workshops for families to attend plus fun and friendly sport and competition.

We have been allocated 65 spaces for St Matthew's pupils per day for the 16 days of the summer. **If this is of interest to you, then please contact Mrs Adjei via the school office who will help you to secure places for your children.**



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Summer term 2021

June 2021

w/b 14th June
Tues 15th
Thurs 17th
Fri 18th 2pm
w/b 21st June
Tues 22nd
Fri 25th June
Tues 29th
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Arts week
Sun Class Trip to Polesden Lacey
Year 2 Trip to Polesden Lacey
Year 6 Jazz concert for parents
Activities Week
Reception Class trip to Bocketts Farm
Sports day (children only)
Induction day for new pupils
Secondary induction day for Yr 6

July 2021

Thurs 1st 6pm

Fri 2nd 10am

Fri 2nd

Mon 5th

Tues 6th 9.30 am

Wed 7th

Thurs 8th 1.30pm

Fri 9th 11am

Mon 12th

Tues 13th time tbc

Tues 13th

Tues 13th 7pm

Wed 14th & Thurs 15th

Fri 16th

Tues 20th

Wed 21st

Wed 29th Sept - Fri 1st Oct 2021 High Ashurst Yr 6

(current Yr 5) Residential Trip

Parents curriculum workshop:
Pre-learning & expectations (zoom)
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Year 1 Trip to Priory Park
Year 6 - Junior Citizen event
New Reception 2021 Meet & Greet
New Nursery 2021 Meet & Greet
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Yr 6 Virtual Southwark Leavers Service
New Nursery 2021 Meet & Greet
Yr 4 clarinet concert for parents
Nursery Animazing
Governors meeting
Production
School reports sent home to parents
Leavers Service
Last day of term (2.40/3pm finish)

Diary Dates

Steps to Outstanding

Today we were delighted to welcome our school governors back into the premises during the school day. In the past year, governors meetings, along with their monitoring and strategic overview duties have been carried out remotely so it was great today for governors to see first-hand the work and progress of our school and the impact of what we do and also to speak in person with pupils and staff. Our Diocesan School Improvement Partner, Isabel Ramsay, and the MAT Education Partner, Luigi Leccacorvi, were also in school to monitor the impact of governance and to support governors in articulating the great things we do here at St Matthew's for all our children.



Summer caps available

We have a baseball-style cap (£3), and one with a neck protector attached (£3.50), available to buy from the office (cash only)



Parent Workshops

Thank you to parents who attended our Maths Parents Workshop this week. We appreciate all of the lovely emails and phone calls to say how much you enjoyed learning from the course, finding it helpful in supporting your child's learning. A big thank you to Mr Challenger and Mrs Moor .

Our next and final parent workshop of this academic year will be in July, please see details below:

Thurs 1 st July 6pm	Pre-learning for 2021/22 and expectations	Mrs Lightfoot (Headteacher)
Fri 2 nd July 10am		Mrs Penfold (Deputy Headteacher)



Parents, might any of you be able to spare in time next academic year (from September) to come and listen to children read or rehearse

times tables with the children please? It would be lovely to have you in school helping with these kinds of activities. If you think you may have time to offer (from September onwards) please contact Miss Cramp in the school office. Please be aware you will be required to undergo a DBS check for safeguarding purposes.

Remember to keep an eye on our Twitter feed to see regular photos and news of the great things that we do and achieve here at St Matthew's!

You can view our twitter page by clicking [here](#) and we would love it if you could follow us.



Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbour as yourself." *Luke 10 v 27*

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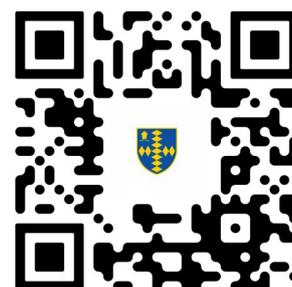
Useful telephone numbers:

Father Andrew, St Matthew's Church 01737 761568

Friends of St Matthew's School (PTA) FOSM@stmatthews-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

Welcare Children's Centre 01737 780884

Childline 0800 1111 **24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line** freephone - 0800 9154644



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