



## Friday 13th September 2019 • Autumn Term • Newsletter 2

### Diary Dates

#### September 2019

Mon 16th Clubs start this week  
Tues 17th 9am or 3.40pm EYFS Nursery & Reception Parents workshop  
Weds 18th Swimming lessons start  
Weds 18th 6:30pm Yr 6 High Ashurst Information Meeting  
Wed 18th 7pm Governors meeting  
Thurs 19th 2pm Yr 6 Jazz concert parents welcome!  
Tues 24th 5:30 - 8:00pm Parents Evening  
Weds 25th 3:30 - 6:00pm Parents Evening

#### October 2019

Tues 1st Year 3 Trip to Gatton Park  
Weds 2nd - Fri 4th Year 6 Residential Trip to High Ashurst  
w/b 7th Open classes for parents. Join your child in lessons!  
Details & times to follow!  
Tues 8th 10am Harvest Festival at St Matthew's Church Parents welcome  
Weds 9th 9am coffee for parents in hall (includes FOSM AGM)  
Wed 2nd - Fri 4th Yr 6 residential trip to High Ashurst Activity Centre  
Mon 14th Year 6 Trip to Chartwell  
Tues 15th Open Morning for prospective parents - Reception 2020  
Wed 16th Reception Class trip to British Wildlife Centre  
Thurs 17th Open Morning for prospective parents - Reception 2020  
28th—1st Nov Half term

#### November 2019

Tues 5th FOSM Firework Cake Sale  
Fri 8th Family Learning Taster Session  
Tues 12th Open Morning for prospective parents - Reception 2020  
Tues 12th 5:30 - 8:00pm Parents Evening  
Weds 13th Open Morning for prospective parents - Reception 2020  
Weds 13th 3:30 - 6:00 Parents Evening  
Fri 15th Family Learning Taster Session 2  
Mon 18th Sparkfish Prayer Week  
Mon 18th Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum  
Fri 22nd pm Family Learning Begins  
Fri 29th Yr 2 Christmas Journey at Redhill Methodist Church

#### December 2019

Dec 7th FOSM Christmas Fair  
Weds 11th Final Swimming of the term  
Fri 13th Children's Christmas Disco  
Thurs 19th 9:30 Nativity at St Matthew's Church . Parents welcome  
Fri 20th Last Day of Term - Children finish at 2:30pm

#### January 2020

Mon 6th Inset Day / school closed— staff training day  
Tues 7th Children return to school  
Weds 8th Swimming Starts  
Wed 15th 7pm Governors meeting

#### February 2020

Tues 11th Safer Internet Day  
Mon 17th - Fri 21st Half term

#### March 2020

Mon 2nd Book Week  
Thurs 5th World Book Day - Dress Up as your favourite book character  
Mon 9th Inset Day  
Tues 17th 5:30 - 8:00pm Parents Evening  
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  
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

Fri 8th Bank Holiday (VE day 75th anniversary)  
w/b 11th Yr 6 KS2 SATS  
Fri 22nd Inset Day / school closed— staff training day  
Mon 25th—Fri 29th half term

*Dates continued on next page!*

### Another great week here at St Matthew's!

#### Our new Forest School has begun!

Children in nursery and reception are the first pupils to enjoy a programme of outdoor learning in our Forest School, set within our spacious school grounds. The children clearly enjoyed being outside in the fresh air! This week they enthusiastically investigated minibeast habitats, developing questioning, maths and language skills as well as scientific knowledge. These sessions will continue on alternate Thursdays. For more information please see the letter that was sent to Nursery and reception parents via parentmail. Thank you to Mr Hill our Forest School Leader for all of his efforts. Other classes will have their turn to enjoy Forest School activities later in the year.



Please make sure you book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at **parents evenings on 24th and 25th September**. These are important occasions where we can share children's achievements and targets to ensure each child makes good progress and achieves the expected standard.



Today, was school photograph day! It was a delight to see all of the children looking so smart. You will have a period of time to order these photos and they will be here in time for Christmas, to use as family presents if required.



Thank you to **FOSM, our Parent Teacher Association**, for this afternoon's ice cream sale. We appreciate your hard work and look forward to the other events planned for this year.



### Clubs and swimming start next week!

#### School Lunches

We would encourage all children to have a hot school lunch each day, especially as we head into the winter months. The meals are very tasty (our teachers will vouch for that!) and of a high quality. Jacket potatoes, wraps, salad bar are available. Free meals are available for all reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils as well as older pupils qualifying for certain benefits. If you are not sure whether you are eligible for a free meal please ask at the school office.

#### The cost of the two course meal:

Daily - £2.35 Weekly - £11.75

First Half Term - £86.95 Second Half Term - £82.85

Whole Autumn Term (ie to Christmas) - £169.20



*Please let the school office know if your child is changing*

### Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

Our school vision draws upon this Bible verse from St Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica.

## Diary dates continued!

### June 2020

W/b 8th Year 1 Phonics Screening  
w/b 22nd Activities week, including watersports at Mercers Lake  
Fri 26th Sports Day  
Tues 30th Induction Day

### July 2020

Wed 8th 7pm Governors meeting  
Thurs 9th Yr 3 trip to Fishbourne  
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 Church  
Weds 22nd End of Year - Children finish at 2:30pm

**More dates /activities will be confirmed as the year progresses!**

## Good attendance at school is key!

**100% is the expected attendance for every child.**

95% is the minimum expected.

**A great day, in school every day...**

**Children must be in school every day!**



### Class attendance w/b 9th September

Nursery	94.3%	Reception	97.6%
1S	91%	1W	92.5%
2T	92%	2P	95.8%
3P	100%	3H	87.2%
4C	97.3%	4P	99.1%
5C	95.8%	5K	97.6%
6M	99.3%	6F	95.2%
Sun Class	100%		

If your child is genuinely unwell, parents must call the school office (01737 762080) before 8:30am to report your child's absence. Please leave a message stating your child's name and class, the reason for their absence / symptoms and when you expect them to return to school.

We expect to see all of the children, from Nursery to Year 6, in school on time every day.

## Steps to Outstanding

Strong links, shared approaches and good communication between parents and teachers are vital as we work together to ensure the very best for all our children to enable them to make good progress and achieve well. Teachers at St Matthew's School really appreciate parents supporting the school and encouraging your child's learning at home. Thank you!



**It is important that every children in every class reads or is read to at home every day.** Sharing books and talking about the story and characters benefits children's reading ability, vocabulary, language and grammar and writing skills. Teachers can tell which children read regularly at home. It is vital that good habits are established right from the start. **Practising numbers and other aspects of maths, including learning times tables are essential too.** Pupils in Year 4 will be taking the new national multiplication tables check in the summer term.

Throughout the year teachers hold events for parents to come into school to learn about the curriculum and how to help the children's learning. There are also times when parents can join the children in lessons! *See list of diary dates.*

**Tuesday 17th September 9am or 3.40pm (you only have to attend one session!) - workshop for parents of pupils in Nursery and Reception classes**

### Parent Governor

Another way parents can contribute to the life of our school is in the important and rewarding role of parent governor. If this is something you may be interested in or would like more information about the role please speak to either Mrs Lightfoot, Miss Cunnington (staff governor), Mrs Lawrence or Gary Davis (parent governor) Please don't think this is not a role for you! Training is provided. We need people who represent our school community and are committed to providing the best for all our children at St Matthew's School.

We use **ParentMail** to send out our letters and communication to parents. For our new pupils, we have re-sent out a registration email for you to get started. You can also download the '**ParentMail**' app to your phone to receive instant notifications. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Cramp, our Office Manager.

We have a limited number of car park passes, available from the school office, that allow parking in Gloucester Road car park at the start / end of the school day.

Please remember that ALL children must wear smart uniform every day in school:

**Nursery** - Blue school sweatshirt & black/navy joggers or leggings & a white polo shirt

**Reception to Year 6** - Blue school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, white shirt, **school tie**

white or grey socks or grey or black tights



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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 • [www.welcare.org](http://www.welcare.org) • 24 Warwick Road, Redhill RH1 1BU

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