St. Matthew's
Church of England Primary School

An Academy within the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education Multi-Academy Trust

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2019

Mon 18th	Yr 5 air pollution workshop
Mon 18th	Netball Match v Salfords Primary School (Away)
Mon 18th & Tues 19th	Year 4 bikeability
Tues 19th	Netball v Reigate Parish & Lime Tree (Home)
Wed 20th	9am Phonics workshop & time in lessons for parent of Reception, Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils
Wed 20th	Year 5 Netball Rally at Reigate Grammar School
Wed 20th	PM Yr. 5 & 6 Football Tournament at Sandcross
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 St Bede's**
Wed 27th	KS2 General Knowledge Quiz Semi Final
Thurs 28th	Badminton Inspire Event at Merstham Primary School
Fri 29th	AM—Junior Citizen Event for Year 6
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**
Wed 3rd	Last day of swimming for this term
Wed 3rd	**Year 2 visit to Brighton University**
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)
Thurs 25th	Yr 6 trip to Harry Potter Experience

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)
Weds 15th	Panathlon Event—Sun Class
Tues 21st	Cricket tournament at Merstham CC
Thurs 23rd	Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral
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
Thurs 6th	9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
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
Fri 28th	St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec
Sun 30th	Sunday Funday

July 2019

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.
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)

Another good week at St Matthew's.

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents Evenings this week. The teachers enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child's progress this term. Effective home/school communication is vital, benefiting your child's learning and achievement and general wellbeing. If at any time you have any questions or queries regarding your child, please do speak to your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

On Wednesday, we hosted a football match against Reigate Parish. It was a real end to end game with the final score 4-3 to St Matthew's! Well done to Damilola, William, Samuel, Alex, Diogo, Joshua, Kai, and Alfie for a fantastic effort!

St. Matthew's School Performing Arts Production
Monday 1st April at The Harlequin Theatre
10am - 12noon and 4pm - 6pm

All of the children in Year 1 - 6 have been busy practising for the Performing Arts Production on 1st April. Tickets are selling out fast, if you haven't already requested your tickets, please do so as soon as possible to the school office. The form and money must be together in a named envelope please to ensure that your tickets are allocated correctly. For further information or clarification about the show including tickets and costumes please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Baillie-Young or to school office staff.

Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception Class, Year 1 and some Year 2
Wednesday 20th March 9am

There will be a short meeting in the school hall before joining the children in their phonics lessons

For further information please speak to your child's teacher

Phonics

Parents Evening

Class 3P Parent/Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 20th March

A reminder that 3P's parent consultations will be on Wednesday 20th March. If you have not yet confirmed an appointment please speak to Mrs Dyer to arrange suitable time to meet.

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." *John 15 verses 5&9 [The Bible]*

Have Faith - Encourage - Aim High

A great day, in school every day…
Children must be in school every day!
Improving attendance is a key priority!

Well done to all the children (and parents!) who received a **green** attendance certificate at parents evening.

- A **green certificate** celebrates your children's good attendance; well done!
- A **Yellow certificate** indicates that attendance is starting to give cause for concern and needs to improve.
- If you receive a **red certificate** this means your child is a "persistent absentee" and attendance must improve rapidly. Parents will be requested to attend meetings with school staff or the Educational Welfare Officer.

Class attendance w/b 11th March

Nursery	94.6%	Sun Class	92.3%
Squirrels	94.7%	Hedgehogs	90.%
1C	93.8%	1M	96.6%
2G	98%	2P	91.8%
3P	94.1%	3H	99.2%
4B	97.5%	4P	98.7%
5C	94.8%	5K	98.2%
6M	93.2%	6F	97.2%

Children who attend school every day are likely to be more successful, not just at school, but in their adult lives. If you have a genuine difficulty getting your child to school each day please speak to your child's teacher or to Mrs Adjei (Children, Family and Learning Support Worker) via the school office.

Steps to Outstanding!

We have received the report from last month's Teaching and Learning Review conducted the Multi-Academy Trust (MAT.) The purpose of the review was to externally validate our current school self-evaluation judgements and the quality of teaching and learning across the school. The outcome of the report was very positive and encouraging ; areas for ongoing development concurred with those already identified by the school .

The report stated

"Leaders and staff have worked hard to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning at the school is consistent and of good quality. This was evidenced by visits to classrooms, noting improvements to the learning environment, discussions with leaders at the school, scrutiny of monitoring documents and looking at books."

"Pupils feel safe at the school and are proud to attend St Matthew's."

"The visits to classrooms alongside evidence within the books demonstrate that pupils across the school are making good progress in their lessons. Practitioners were able to provide pupils with the knowledge and skills that are appropriate for their age range and create a climate in which learners at St Matthew's are able to succeed. "

Thank you to everyone who drives and parks considerately at the busy drop off and collect times. Please can we remind parents not to block local residents' drives and to respect neighbouring properties. Thank you for your support in keeping good relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you, too, to Stella our wonderful "lollipop lady" who, come rain or shine (or even snow!), helps us cross the road safely.

Reception Class - Height and Weight screening
All parents of reception class pupils please ensure that your permission forms for the height and weight checks are completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday 18th March.

Follow us on Twitter **@StMattsSch** to find out what great things are happening in our school each day.

If your child is unable to come to school, due to illness or another valid reason please remember to call the school office before 9am to report your child absent. If you are ringing before the office is open, you can leave a message, explaining the reason for absence . It is vital that you let us know this as we have a duty of care for the children. If we have no credible reason why a child is not in school then it becomes a safeguarding concern.

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