



St. Matthew's
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Another great week for the amazing children of St Matthew's School!

We have enjoyed another week full of great learning, both here at school and for everybody who is still learning at home. Our class zoom meetings continue to be well attended and enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. Thank you to parents for encouraging and enabling your children to have this direct interaction with their teachers.

It has been great to have more children back in school - 90 pupils in this week. We are almost at capacity for children returning while adhering to the 2m distancing and "bubbles". We are looking forward to some Year 5 pupils returning on 29th June. Confirmation of places and details of arrival / collection times will be given to parents next week. Children who return to school must attend full time, Monday to Friday, until the end of term, Wednesday 22nd July. Please note that St Matthew's School will be closed throughout the summer holidays. Deep cleaning and planned capital works will take place during this time.

Dodging this week's rain showers, the children in their "bubbles" have used our spacious outdoor grounds to enhance their learning. Our Forest School area has been a great place of active learning, especially for reception class pupils. Some of our younger children baked some beautiful bread - the delicious aroma wafted along the corridor!



Some of our learners at home have been experimenting with activities linked to fossil making and a dragon scavenger hunt! Well done Lily!



One of our Year 4 pupils applied his knowledge from recent STEM sessions with Mr Honchar, to design and create his very own scooter ramp out of wood. Well done Spencer!

Year 6 pupils have been making short videos which will form part of this year's Southwark Diocese Leavers' Service. While we are disappointed that we won't be making the annual Year 6 visit to Southwark Cathedral we are very proud that St Matthew's School has been invited to contribute to the virtual service. We look forward to seeing the completed video montage.

Your teachers love seeing your learning and hearing about what you've been doing. Please continue to send your work to the school office using info@stmatthews-redhill.surrey.sch.uk and Miss Cramp will forward it to your teacher. Thank you, too, for your lovely encouraging messages, pictures and letters.

Don't miss out! Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has begun!

Even though libraries remain closed, you can still access the annual reading challenge online!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



The Summer Reading Challenge 2020



Sign up at
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to
start the challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge, encourages motivation and enjoyment in reading and develops skills and confidence.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!



The 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

The digital Challenge will be **free to access**, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading related activities at home.

Although library buildings are currently closed, libraries will also continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.



Aim High - Encourage - Have Faith

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2 Corinthians 12 v 9 [The Bible]

A prayer for our school

God of wisdom,
give to those who teach and those who learn
a desire for knowledge and a passion for life,
that as places of learning reopen
we may find fresh insights into your love
and a renewed sense of community.



In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Nursery and Reception Admissions September 2020

We have a limited number of places available to start with us in September 2020. Please contact Miss Cramp in the school office as soon as possible to discuss further, request an application form and avoid disappointment!
Both nursery and reception classes enjoy our Forest School activities as part of their curriculum!

Food Booster Packs - Free School Meals



Food packs for children not in school can continue to be collected **on Thursdays between 11.00am and 12.00 noon**. Children eligible for free school meals who are attending school will be served a tasty hot meal each day. If you have any questions about this please contact the school office.

Empowering Parents Workshops by Ali McClure

You can still purchase tickets for the next Parent Workshop led by Ali McClure. Please see the poster to the side of this box for more information.
'Behaviour, Learning & Trust'
Thursday 9th July at 8:15pm £18.50

Steps to Outstanding

Throughout school "closure" the staff at St Matthew's have been working every day, some in school teaching the children or completing other tasks, others working remotely. Staff have also used the time to complete professional learning and training. This CPD programme has included specific curriculum subject training, SEND, EAL, safeguarding, Health and Safety, Infection Prevention and Control. Our weekly staff meetings, leadership team meetings, SEND reviews, MAT meetings and work with other agencies have continued throughout.



School Car Park - Staff Only!

Now that the school is open to more children, it also means there are more members of staff working in school. This means that our staff car park is back to being busy, therefore please can we politely remind parents not to drive in nor park in the school car park which is for staff and other authorised vehicles only. Thank you for your co-operation.



Date: 19.06.2020
KO: 16:00



Head to our Twitter Page
at 4pm on Friday
to see our
2020/21
football kit
revealed!



Next Academic Year's Term Dates

Please note that national arrangements and guidance as to when schools might open fully in September are still to be confirmed

Autumn Term 2020

Start of Term: 1st September 2020 (inset)

Children return Wednesday 2nd Sept

Half Term: 26th - 30th October 2020

End of Term: 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Start of Term: 4th January 2021 (inset)

Children return Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: 15th - 19th February 2021

End of Term: 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Start of Term: 19th April 2021 (inset)

Children return Tuesday 20th April

Half Term: 31st May - 4th June 2021

End of Term: 21st July 2021

INSET/ staff training days: Tuesday 1st September, Monday 4th January, Monday 8th March, Monday 19th April, Friday 28th May

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