



## Friday 1st March 2019 • Spring Term • Newsletter 22

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March 2019

Fri 1st	Football v St John's (Home)
w/b 4th	Book Week
Tues 5th	'Red' performance Star Steppers show at Harlequin Theatre
Weds 6th	Netball Match away at St John's
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Fri 8th	<b>4:00—5:00pm Bedtime Story event</b>
Mon 11th	Inset/staff training day (with local schools) - School closed
Tues 12th	5.30pm - 8pm parents/teacher consultation evening
Weds 13th	Football v Reigate Parish (Home)
Wed 13th	3.30pm - 6pm parents/teacher consultation evening
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>3.30 Yr 5/6 hockey tournament at Royal Alexandra &amp; Albert</b>
Mon 18th	Yr 5 air pollution workshop
Mon 18th & Tues 19th	Year 4 bikeability
Tues 19th	Netball v Reigate Parish (Home)
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 <b>St Bede's</b>
Fri 29th	AM—Junior Citizen Event for Year 6
Sun 31st	10am Mothering Sunday Service at St Matthew's Church

#### April 2019

<b>Mon 1st</b>	<b>St Matthew's Performing Arts Show at Harlequin Theatre</b> <b>10am and 4pm Details re tickets to follow</b>
Wed 3rd	Last day of swimming for this term
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	<b>Year 2 visit to Brighton University</b>
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)
<b>Thurs 25th</b>	<b>Yr 6 trip to Harry Potter Experience</b>

#### 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)
Tues 21st	Cricket tournament at Merstham CC
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	<b>Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral</b>
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
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>Sunday Funday</b>

#### 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 "
<b>Fri 12th</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral</b>
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)



★ **St Matthew's has enjoyed the sunshine this week!** ★  
★ The children have made the most out of this week's lovely ★  
★ weather, enjoying outdoor learning activities as well as playing ★  
★ in the playground and on the field at break and lunchtime. ★

★ On Wednesday, a group of Year 3 pupils enjoyed a morning of ★  
★ sporting activity at the 'First Steps to Leadership' course, run ★  
★ by Active Surrey. The children were determined to succeed ★  
★ and do their very best, showing great respect and honesty to ★  
★ each other and the other schools present. Very well done to ★  
★ Aliyah, John, Kudzai, Lily, Maisie, Nathaniel, Oliver and Rosie. ★

★ The children are working hard rehearsing for our Performing ★  
★ Arts Show on 1st April at the Harlequin Theatre. This week our ★  
★ Year 2 and 3 pupils have been inspired and energised by their ★  
★ Musical Theatre workshops based on 'The Greatest Show- ★  
★ man' (Yr 2) and 'Oliver' (Yr 3). The workshops were delivered ★  
★ by past West End performers from The Reigate School of Bal- ★  
★ let and Commercial Dance. We can't wait to see the children's ★  
★ final performances on stage at the Harlequin on 1st April. ★

★ Also, just to remind you all that **Monday 11th March** is an ★  
★ **inset day**, when school is closed to the children. ★



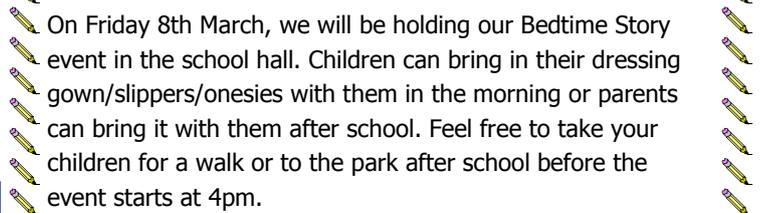
### **Book Week!**

 Next week is Book Week! The children will enjoy a week full of exciting learning, including special story events, writing workshops and a trip to Waterstones book store with their class.

 Thursday 7th March is **World Book Day!** All the children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character for the day! It is not compulsory, but we look forward to seeing all of their wonderful creations.

You do not have to buy a costume, your children can create one from items that you have available at home.

### **Bedtime Story Event**

 On Friday 8th March, we will be holding our Bedtime Story event in the school hall. Children can bring in their dressing gown/slippers/onesies with them in the morning or parents can bring it with them after school. Feel free to take your children for a walk or to the park after school before the event starts at 4pm.

 Each child will get juice and popcorn at 4pm and the story will begin at 4:15 promptly. Parents are also invited to come and join in the fun. The event will finish at 5pm.



### Parents Evening

Please make sure you have received a letter regarding the forthcoming parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March (3P: 20th March) and have made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.



**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 major attendance prize will be awarded at Easter.



Class attendance w/b 25th February

Nursery	91.1%	Sun Class	98.5%
Squirrels	91%	Hedgehogs	96.7%
1C	93.6%	1M	95.9%
2G	97.7%	2P	96.2%
3P	96.9%	3H	97.3%
4B	98%	4P	87%
5C	96.9%	5K	98.6%
6M	96.7%	6F	100% <i>Well done!</i>

**Staying Safe Online**

You may be aware of recent media coverage involving MOMO. Whilst we are aware that not all of the media reports have been entirely accurate, it still raises worthy concerns and reminders about keeping our children safe online.

Whilst parental controls can be enabled, we would still encourage you to take an active interest in the games, apps and websites your children are using and talk to them about online safety. You may find the websites [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) useful in supporting you with these conversations.

In school, as always, we will continue to remind children to take a responsible approach to their use of the internet and social media and follow e-safety rules.



**Dinner Money** If your child has school dinners, please note that the cost is £11.50 a week. The week commencing Monday 11th March will be £9.20 due to an inset day on the Monday.

 The total for this half term is £66.70. Please make payment via the school office, cheques can be made to Surrey County Council.

**Steps to Outstanding!**

Here at St Matthew's we have a strong monitoring schedule to ensure our school leaders and governors have clear evidence that the quality of teaching and learning is good and that all children, whatever their starting point, are enabled to make good progress and achieve well. Our monitoring schedule includes lesson observations, scrutiny of children's work and teachers' planning and analysis of performance data. Leaders met together today, as they do each half term, to discuss and review provision and impact for each child. We are confident and pleased with the progress made by the majority of our children; where progress has plateaued or children are not at the standard expected for their age or ability, then additional or amended support is implemented.



**Sports Updates**

Congratulations to all our cross country runners who competed with great determination and brilliant sportsmanship in Tuesday's local schools' race. The support they showed towards each other was fantastic to see. A special mention goes to the Year 5/6 girls team for coming 2nd in their competition and to Dami for a well deserved bronze medal in the fiercely competitive Year 5/6 girls race.



**STAR STEPPERS** We wish our Years 2-3 Dance Club, Years 4-6 Dance Club and our Dance Performance Group the best of luck for the **Star Steppers Show** at the Harlequin Theatre, next Tuesday 5th March. The final run through for all dance groups is 3.15-4pm on Monday 4th March. Please remember to bring your costume in on Monday with longer hair tied in a slick back, medium height pony tail.



**IMPORTANT!**

Our own **St. Matthew's School Performing Arts Production**, at The Harlequin Theatre, is fast approaching on **Monday 1st April**. Children across the school are very busy in preparation for this. **All children in Years 1-6, including Sun Class, will perform in both the 10am and 4pm shows.** Parents will receive a letter next week with important information regarding ticket sales and costume requirements.



We send our love and best wishes to Mrs Roberts (reception teacher) who begins her maternity leave today!

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