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Reminder! Tomorrow Friday 24th May is an INSET day, so school is closed to the children. Next week is the half term holiday. School opens again on Monday 3rd June ready for the exciting second half of the summer term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2019	
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
Thurs 6th	Yr 3/4 More able writers' workshop
w/b 10th	Yr 1 phonics screening check
Weds 12th	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
Weds 12th	'A Class Act' performance at Harlequin Theatre
Fri 21st	Rounders Tournament at Earlswood
Wed 26th	Science Show - whole school
Thurs 27th	am: Yr 5 hockey at Reigate Grammar School
Thurs 27th	4pm Yrs 3/4 mini golf at Reigate Heath GC
Mon 24th	Yr 6 Sparkfish transition workshops
Fri 28th	St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec
Sun 30th	Sunday Funday 10:30am-4:00pm at St Matthew's School
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.
Wed 10th	7pm Governors Meeting
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 great week at St Matthew's!
This half term has flown by but it has been full of great new learning opportunities, exciting trips and after school activities including gardening, eco-club, choir, athletics, cricket and rounders! Once again, a big thank you to all of the teachers and other staff who volunteer their time to organise and run these opportunities for the children. 

Well done to the eloquent and talented Year 5 pupils who spoke so well at the hustings for the position of School Council chairperson. The children clearly stated their qualities, ideas and how they would contribute to the life of our school should they be elected to the post. Good luck! All the children in the school have a vote - an introduction to democracy!

Today, the children who are our Faith Group representatives, attended the Bishop of Southwark's annual Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral in London. The children presented the money £XXX raised during our Lent Appeal week in April and eloquently described the various fundraising activities organised by the children of St Matthew's School.

The summer term clubs timetable continues after half term. The children who have been taking part in a club will continue to do so until the end of the summer term. The only change is that after-school choir has ended. For year 6 pupils only rehearsals for the production will take place on Thursdays after school. Rehearsals for the "chorus" (Years 3,4,5) will begin, during school time, next month. Details to follow!

Swimming groups will remain the same as this half term for the first week back only  (Wednesday 5th June). However, from the second week back (Wednesday 12th June), the groups will swap and the following children will go swimming: 3P, Year 4, 5C, Year 6 Girls (+ boosters) and Sun Class. Please make sure your child remembers to bring their swimming kit every Wednesday.

Last week, Year 4 visited Wakehurst in West Sussex. All the staff and pupils said that the trip was highly enjoyable and that they had lots of fun whilst learning new and exciting things about plants. We are pleased to have received this complimentary email from Joe from Wakehurst :
"I wanted to let you know that we enjoyed having your pupils and staff at Wakehurst last week. We packed a lot into the time, the pupils were so keen and enthusiastic (asking lots of questions!) and the weather was kind to us. We hope you will visit Wakehurst again."


For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
Psalms 33 verses 4&6 [The Bible]



**A great day, in school every day...
Children must be in school every day!**



Improving attendance is a key priority!
100% is the expected attendance for every child.
95% is the minimum expected.

Class attendance w/b 20th May

Nursery	97.7%	Sun Class	89.3%
Squirrels	100%	Hedgehogs	96.9%
1C	99%	1M	97.3%
2G	100%	2P	96.5%
3P	97%	3H	95.8%
4B	94.6%	4P	97.7%
5C	98.7%	5K	94%
6M	100%	6F	97.2%

'A Class Act' Show at the Harlequin Theatre
Wednesday 12th June 5.30pm

Tickets are on sale direct from the Harlequin Theatre
Box Office, in person, by phone or online



www.harlequintheatre.co.uk



St Matthew's Church & FoSM invite you to
Sunday Fun Day
30th June 2019

FREE ENTRY
Bring a Picnic
Ice creams on sale, refreshments and
Burger Bar!
All inflatable activities are FREE

**Stalls
&
Games**

**Face
Painting**
Small Charge Applies

**Mega-slide
& Bouncy
Castles**

Raffle

11am : Open Air Worship

12 noon : Activities start

St Matthew's School, Redhill RH1 1JF
Enter Via Linkfield Lane or Gloucester Road
Car Park Entrance



St Matthew's
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Steps to Outstanding!

On Monday we had our **Safeguarding Visit**. We are delighted to have received the highest **green** rating!
Helen Jones, who carried out the rigorous check on behalf of the MAT, reviewed the school's policies and practice, along with staff training records, pupil attendance data and actions to follow up absence. Monitoring attendance is a key element of safeguarding - if the children are not in school, can we be sure they are safe?
Mrs Jones also spoke with staff, including Designated Safeguarding Leads, and children to ensure their views contributed to her report. While obviously being pleased with the very positive report we are never complacent when it comes to safeguarding our precious children.



Yesterday, our Diocesan School Improvement Partner, Deborah Moss, made her half termly visit to school, this time focusing on the **quality of reasoning and challenge in mathematics**, particularly in KS2. Working with the senior leadership team (Mrs Lightfoot, Mrs Penfold, Miss Hills) and Mr Challenger, maths subject leader, Mrs Moss observed lessons, spoke with pupils about their learning and scrutinised their maths books. We are pleased that Mrs Moss reported strong teaching and continued improvement in the quality of the children's reasoning and use of mathematical language. She also praised the impact of our continuing professional development programme, effective monitoring and our drive to secure consistent excellent teaching and learning for all our children.

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