



St. Matthew's

Church of England Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2019

Mon 28th Yr 5 Air Pollution workshop
Thurs 31st KS1 Sportshall Athletics at Lingfield

February 2019

Fri 1st KS2 Sportshall Athletics at Dunottar
Tues 5th Netball v Lime Tree (Home)
Wed 6th 12 noon Yrs 3,4,5,6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Donyngs
Thurs 7th KS2 Inter-schools General Knowledge Quiz at Wray Common
Fri 8th Football v Merstham (Home)
Mon 11th Football v Lime Tree (Home)
Tues 12th 4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country practice at Priory Park
Weds 13th Netball Match away at RAAS
Thurs 14th Football v RAAS (Away)
Thurs 14th 9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Half Term
Tues 26th 4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country race at Priory Park

March 2019

Fri 1st Football v St John's (Home)
w/b 4th Book Week
Tues 5th Star Steppers show at Harlequin Theatre
Weds 6th Netball Match away at St Johns
Thurs 7th World Book Day
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
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 RGS
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 Netball tournament at Reigate School
Wed 27th pm Yr. 5 & 6 Netball Tournament at Reigate Priory
Thurs 28th pm Reserve date for Yr. 5 & 6 Netball at Reigate Priory
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 Details re tickets to follow
Wed 3rd Last day of swimming for this term
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)

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 MCC
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
Wed 5th PM Cricket Tournament at Merstham CC
Thurs 6th 9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
w/b 10th Yr 1 phonics screening check
Weds 12th 5pm Star Steppers Show 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

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 Trip to Connect with the Countryside Year 6
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)




Take pride in everything you do!

Here at St Matthew's Primary School we encourage the children to always do their best and to make every effort with their learning, behaviour, friendships and interaction with others. As school staff, and parents too, we try to lead by example in our speech, actions and attitudes and how we deal with adversity and the times when we get it wrong! Presentation and attention to detail matter. Smart school uniform, excellent attendance, a conscientious approach to learning, courtesy and a smile give a lasting impression and demonstrate that we care about ourselves and others.

Year 6 are really enjoying the privilege of working with jazz musician Pete Letanka. This project to stimulate and hone the children's creative and composition skills will culminate in an exciting concert taking place next Friday 1st February at 2:15pm. Year 6 parents are invited back to watch this exciting performance.

A group of our talented writers from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed and benefited from Wednesday's Able Writers' workshop, working with author Marcus Alexander. The children participated enthusiastically in a challenging range of reading and writing activities, stretching their imagination, vocabulary and skills in using language.



 Sport is a real strength here at St Matthew's School! There are lots of sports activities and tournaments happening over the next few weeks including netball, gymnastics and cross country. If your child is involved in these events please make sure they have the correct kit and know times and venues!

Please note that the school gates are locked at 9:00am each morning. If you arrive after 8:50am, please come to the school office to report your child as late, so they can be registered and go to collective worship and lessons promptly.

Breakfast Club & After School Hours

If you would be interested in an extension of the hours of **breakfast club** and/or **after school club** then please let the school office staff know as soon as possible.



**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 big attendance prize will be awarded at Easter.

Class attendance w/b 21st January

Nursery	95.5%	Sun Class	100% <i>Well done!</i>
Squirrels	82.6%	Hedgehogs	80.6%
1C	94.4%	1M	95.7%
2G	99.2%	2P	90.4%
3P	89.7%	3H	100% <i>Well done!</i>
4B	96.3%	4P	87%
5C	92.4%	5K	92.6%
6M	97.9%	6F	97%

With the forecast of possible snow and wintry weather, just to confirm that **we always aim to keep school open**.



Any changes to this arrangement will be put on the school website. Should we have to close school then a message will be sent via parentmail. Please make sure we have your up to date contact details including an email address.

Information about school closures will be given on Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk and local radio.

Please can all parents make sure the children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather - in particular that they bring coats to wear .

Essential for every child:

- Read and share books at home regularly, daily where possible. Visit Redhill Library - it's free!
- Learn and practise number bonds (pairs of numbers that make eg 10 or 20 or 100)
- Learn (off by heart!) and practise times tables
- Teach your children to tell the time - on an analogue clock with a face and hands as well as on a digital clock
- Practise writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Talk together (around the table at mealtimes is always good!) and share activities and stories with family
- Enjoy practical activities such as cooking - a great way to practise the weighing and measuring aspects of maths



Steps to Outstanding

At the beginning of the week our school governors held a Strategy Day to consider how the school's vision and values are translated into effective action and impact for pupils and the wider school community. Discussions focused on the school's strategic priorities and planning of required actions.



Vision

Outstanding in everything we do

Mission

The St. Matthew's Way

High educational expectations within a caring Christian Community so our children have successful futures.

Core Values

The way we do things around here

We aim high - We are aspirational for our children, our school and ourselves

We encourage - We build people up, we recognise the value of the whole school family

We have faith - We have the courage to take risks and try new things knowing that this is a safe place and we have faith that God has great plans for the school and the individuals in it

We do all this in a culture of respect



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