



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 high quality learning and wonderful sunshine here at school. In normal circumstances we would have been enjoying our activities week, including water sports at Mercers Lake, and our sports day and family picnic. We look forward to next year! A big hello and well done to the children still learning at home. Your teachers love seeing your work and hearing about what you've been doing. Thank you to parents for your continued support!



We are almost at capacity for children returning while adhering to the 2m distancing and "bubbles" of maximum 15 children. We are excited to welcome back some **Year 5 pupils on Monday 8.30am - 2.00pm**. Year 5 parents who replied to say that they would like their child to return to school have been sent confirmation of the child's place and details of their "bubble." **If you have not received confirmation please contact the school office. You cannot just turn up on Monday!** Year 5 entrances/exits are the hall doors adjacent to the staff car park. Please note the "bubbles" access via different doors.

"Finishing well" and preparing for the new school year

Although things have been very different in recent months, the important things here at St Matthew's School - our values, priorities, commitment to the children, hard work and ambition - have not changed. We have been planning our transition activities for pupils joining Reception class, for Year 6 moving to secondary school and for all other pupils as they move up to the next year. One of the things we wanted to ensure was that at the end of this unusual school year we could all "finish well."

So **for all the children who are attending school please note that the last day of lessons will now be Friday 17th July.**

This will enable us to host **outdoor farewell picnics** (you don't need to bring anything!) for **all our classes on Monday 20th July** when pupils and staff can be together, of course maintaining social distancing. The children don't have to wear school uniform but please make sure they are dressed for the weather. We will be outside!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enter via the back Gloucester Road gate and exit via the nursery path gate.

Years 3, 4, 5, 6, Sun Class will enter via the nursery path gate and exit via the back Gloucester Road gate

Parents will not be permitted to come onto school premises.



Reception Class: 12.30pm - 1.00pm

Year 1: 1.05pm - 1.35pm

Year 2: 1.40pm - 2.10pm

Year 3: 12.30 pm- 1.00pm

Year 4: 1.05pm - 1.35pm

Year 5: 1.40pm - 2.10pm

Year 6: 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Sun Class: 2.50pm - 3.20pm

Nursery pupils will have a farewell Zoom session - day and time to be confirmed

School reports and summer learning packs will go home to parents on Friday 17th July. If your child is not in school, parents may collect the report from school on 17th. More information and times to follow!

Announcement - new school management information system - Arbor

We are delighted to be able to announce that as a school, we have moved over to a new MIS system. This exciting new system allows every single parent/guardian access to their own 'Parent Portal' or app (this is why we have been confirming some email addresses recently).

The benefits of Arbor for Parents include;

- Parent Portal accessed via a computer, laptop or tablet and an 'app' on your phone
- Your own 'Dashboard' with access to all your child/children's information in one place
- Message/SMS/Email system replacing Parent Mail, sent straight from the Schools System
- Manage and pay for meals online
- Manage, and give consent for clubs and trips (including making payments if required), reducing paper and lost permission slips!
- Booking and paying for Breakfast Club and After School Club'



Arbor

- Booking parents evening slots and much much more!

More information will follow, but we just wanted to let you know that before the end of the school year, you will receive an email from Arbor asking you to do a 'first time login' and create your account. If you do receive this email, please do not discard it as it is important you follow the instructions sent to you to get set up!



COMING SOON!

Aim High - Encourage - Have Faith

Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 1 v 5-8 [The Bible]

Steps to Outstanding - September 2020

We are looking forward to the new school year and welcoming new pupils, parents and teachers to our school family.

Parents have been informed via parentmail of the name of their child's class and teacher for September. If you have not received this information please contact the school office.



Nursery: Miss Hekmoun, Miss Farnham
Reception : Miss Cunnington, Miss Binney
Year 1: Mrs Semple, Mr Skuse, Mrs Dyer, Miss Williams
Year 2: Mrs Powell, Mr Taylor, Mrs Dyer
Year 3: Miss Sobrado, Mrs Schaffer
Year 4: Mrs Puplett, Mrs Caswell
Year 5: Mr Challenger, Miss Christie
Year 6: Mrs Moyle, Mr Knox
Sun Class: Miss Forbes

Mr Hill, Mrs Baillie-Young, Mrs Junkison, Mrs Moor, Mr Skuse will teach their specialist areas to pupils across the school. Mrs Rose is our SENDCO (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities co-ordinator)

Before the end of term your child will receive a video message from their new teacher to introduce themselves. We also plan to have our usual parents evening at the start of September.

Congratulations to Aidan in Year 6 who achieved a runners up prize in this year's Reigate and Banstead Writes competition. The judges commented that "His story stood out for being original and quirky."



Well done Aidan; we are very proud of you!

Follow us @StMattsSch to find out what great things are happening in our school each day. Don't miss out!



Reception Class - September 2020 Please make sure you have received the letter/ email giving the zoom link for Tuesday's induction meeting for parents and pupils,. The letter also includes a link to a welcome video from Mrs Lightfoot and Miss Cunnington. Before the meeting you should also receive an induction pack with important information for you and your child. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

**ADMISSIONS
OPEN**

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!

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

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.



Next Academic Year's Term Dates

Please note that national arrangements and guidance as to when and how 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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