St. Matthew's
Church of England Primary School

An Academy within the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education Multi-Academy Trust

Friday 3rd May 2019 • Summer Term • Newsletter 29

Remember that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday and therefore school will be closed!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2019

Mon 6th	Bank Holiday
Thurs 9th	10am Reception Class visit to Redhill Library
Thurs 9th	2.30 Yr 4 Varmints Tea Party!
Mon 13th	10am Reception Class visit to St Matthew's Church
Throughout May	KS1 / Yr 2 SATS
w/b 13th	KS2 / Yr 6 SATS *Mon: SPAG; Tues: Reading; Wed & Thurs: Maths*
Mon 13th & Tues 14th	Yr 1 Pedals
Weds 15th	Panathlon Event at Donyngs -Sun Class
Fri 17th	Yr 4 trip to Wakehurst
Tue 21st	**9am Meeting for Yr1 parents - phonics check**
Tues 21st	Cricket tournament at Merstham CC
Thurs 23rd	Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral
Thurs 23rd	7pm Governors Meeting
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
Thurs 6th	**Yr 3/4 More able writers' workshop**
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
Mon 24th	Yr 6 Sparkfish transition workshops
Fri 28th	St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec
Sun 30th	Sunday Funday

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)

What another great week here at St Matthew's!

We have had a great start to the week, welcoming the children back to school. On Monday, we enjoyed welcoming the children who will be joining us in Reception next year to St Matthew's, along with their parents. The children enjoyed some sports and arts activities. They also met Miss Cunnington who will be teaching Reception Class from September.

Clubs started back this week which enable the children take part in a variety of activities from football to French club to our fortnightly eco-club. We are as always thankful for the parents who volunteer their times for these clubs.

The year four 'varmints' had a very busy afternoon last Friday constructing wooden planters that they had designed in their maths lessons. There was a lot of measuring and sawing! The finished products look amazing and now we are waiting for our mint seeds to grow.

Yesterday, the Year 4 children trekked up Reigate Hill to explore varmint habitats and the interesting features of our local countryside. In both events the children showed fantastic team work and resilience. Thank you for the support of the parent helpers and for Mrs Puplett for organising these exciting trips and activities for the current '4V'.

We hope that the children enjoy their long weekend and look forward to welcoming them back to school on Tuesday 7th May at the usual time of 8:50am.

Thursday 23rd May - Elections

On 23rd May, St Matthew's school hall will be used as a polling station. **School will remain open to the children as usual.**

Please note, however, that on this day, the children who usually have a hot school dinner will be provided with a packed lunch from our kitchen. Other children should bring in a packed lunch from home as usual. All the children will eat in their classrooms.

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about hope and how our faith in God can give us confidence, even in the most trying circumstances. We used the symbol of an anchor, keeping us secure in a storm.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews chapter 6 verse 19 [The Bible]

Did you know that we have a Twitter handle?

Follow us @StMattsSch to find out what great things are happening in our school each day.

Keep in touch with the latest school information.

Staff News

We are sorry that Mrs Smith will be leaving St Matthew's at the end of the school year as she and her family relocate back to Wales.
Miss English is also leaving at the end of term.
We wish our colleagues well for the future.

As soon as we have confirmed appointments of new teachers, parents will be informed.

Have Faith - Encourage - Aim High

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 29th April

Nursery	90.7%	Sun Class	100%
Squirrels	97.7%	Hedgehogs	91.0%
1C	98.3%	1M	94.1%
2G	99.2%	2P	99.2%
3P	94.7%	3H	87.1%
4B	97.3%	4P	94.4%
5C	95.9%	5K	96.8%
6M	100%	6F	97%

Stars After School Club Payments

From September, payments for our Stars After School Club must be paid in advance.

Please note that parents who currently have unpaid fees, will not unable to utilise "Stars" until the debt this has been paid. We hope you understand our reasons for this and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please contact the school office to arrange payment or for further information.

Yr 6 SATS Timetable week beginning 13th May

Monday 13th May - *English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 (questions) & Paper 2 Spelling*

Tuesday 14th May - *English reading*

Wednesday 15th May - *Mathematics Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (reasoning)*

Thursday 16th May - *Mathematics Paper 3 (reasoning)*

SATS Dates *Thinking ahead....*

Current Year 6- w/c 13th May 2019
Current Year 5 -w/c 11th May 2020
Current Year 4- w/c 10th May 2021

Current Year 3 pupils will take the new Year 4 multiplication tables check in a 3 week period from 8/6/2020.

School Dinners

A reminder that if your child has school dinners, this half term will cost £48.30 the second half term will cost £87.40 which makes a total cost of **£135.70**

Steps to Outstanding!

Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities
Our Vision for St Matthew's Church of England Primary School is to be outstanding in all we do, inspired by our Christian values: to **aim high**, to **encourage** and to **have faith.** This vision draws upon St Paul's message to the Thessalonians: ***'Therefore encourage and build one another up'.***

Our ambition for our school is to **be outstanding.**

Our priorities are to:

1. Secure success for every child, through a vibrant curriculum, so that all will flourish

- An amazing early years experience
- All pupils reach their potential so that they are well prepared for success at secondary school
- Pupils challenge themselves to be the best they can be
- Every child grows to love language and enjoy reading widely
- Music and sport are the heartbeat of our school

2. Provide the very best, expert teaching, so that every pupil becomes a confident, knowledgeable and independent learner

- All teaching is consistently good or outstanding
- The staff body has a rich range of experience and subject specialism which is shared across the school
- Teachers and support staff are valued and benefit from the very best professional development

3. Ensure that all within our school benefit from the shared purpose and love within our Christian community

- We offer the warmest welcome into our family for all children and their parents
- Strong partnerships provide the basis of outstanding, personal support, especially in our work to include parents in the learning of their child
- Christian values shape our purpose, ensuring that everything we do is focused upon the unique gifts and character of every child
- Leadership is accessible, visible and supportive and everyone is treated with dignity and respect

4. Promote St Matthew's widely and proudly so that we become a school of choice, with full rolls

- Excellent early years provision and strong progress and attainment, particularly at the end of KS2
- Involvement in wider community activity to showcase the school, the wider opportunities offered and our children's achievements
- Retain the best staff and recruit excellent new colleagues when needed
- Strong liaison with early years settings and with local secondary schools to enhance our reputation
- Imaginative marketing which reaches the widest range of possible prospective families

Useful telephone numbers:

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