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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2019

Thurs 3rd Spring term starts - Children return to school
Wed 9th Swimming starts (3P, 4B, 5C, 6M and Sun Class)
Tues 15th 9am "Tapestry" workshop for reception class parents
Thurs 17th More able writers event Yr 5/6
Mon 28th Yr 5 Air Pollution workshop

February 2019

Wed 6th 12 noon Yrs 3.4.5.6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Donyngs
Tues 12th 4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country race at Priory Park
Weds 13th Netball Match away at RAAS
Thurs 14th 9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
Mon18th - Fri 22nd Half Term
Tues 26th 4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country practice race at Priory Park

March 2019

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
Wed 13th 3.30pm - 6pm parents/teacher consultation evening
Mon 18th Yr 5 air pollution workshop
Mon 18th & Tues 19th Year 4 bikeability
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 Reigate Priory
Thurs 28th pm Reserve date for Yr. 5 & 6 Netball at Reigate Priory
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
Last day of swimming for this term
Wed 3rd 10am Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
Thurs 4th Last day of term for the children. Finish 2.30pm (No Stars)
Fri 5th Inset/staff training day (moderation) - School closed
Tues 23rd 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)
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
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 event pm track event at RGS
Wed 10th Last swimming lessons of year.
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)



It has been good to see the children settle in so quickly and happy to be back at school with their friends and teachers ready to make great progress this term.

We would particularly like to welcome new children and new staff to our school this term. Mrs Johnson has joined us teaching Year 1, Miss English has joined us as our Hedgehogs Reception teacher. In addition, we welcome two new teaching assistants, Mrs Pusey in Sun Class and Miss Morley in Year 6.

There are lots of events planned for the coming term and through to the end of the school year. Please check the list of dates (to the left) and add those relevant to you and your child to your own calendar.

Please make sure that you have received your **home learning leaflet** today, which outlines how your child can take their learning home with them to create some exciting projects. If you need a spare copy, then please ask the school office.

The **clubs list** will be sent out next week and most clubs will start the week beginning **Monday 14th January** but please check the list to confirm. Thank you to the staff who volunteer their own time to run these clubs for the children.

Swimming will start next week on **Wednesday 9th January** for 3P, 4B, 5C, 6M and Sun Class.



School Dinners

For your information, if your child has school dinners, this half term will cost **£73.60**, the second half term will cost **£66.70** which makes a total cost of **£140.30**.



I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." He replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way." (Minnie Louise Haskins)

Nursery Parents - don't forget!

Applications for places for reception class
September 2019 must be submitted by

15 January 2019

www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

0300 200 1004

If you attend church you should also complete a supplementary form to support your application to St Matthew's School, available from our school office or website.

Music Assembly Friday 18th January

Each Friday morning we hold our "achievement assembly" and celebrate the children's progress and achievements in their day to day lessons. On **Friday 18th January** we will be having another of our special music assemblies, giving an opportunity for our musicians and instrumentalists to showcase their talents and perform to the school. If your child can play a **musical instrument** and would like to perform please add their name, instrument, grade if relevant, and title of the piece of music they will play to the list in the school office.

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument Surrey Arts can provide music lessons for your child here at St Matthew's School. If this is something you would be interested in, including piano lessons, further information is available from the school office or contact Surrey Arts directly: 01483 519303 www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

Please note that St Matthew's School will always endeavour to remain open in adverse weather, including snow! Information regarding school closures will be given via our school website, parent-mail and local radio.



Steps to Outstanding

Here at St Matthew's School, our daily times of collective worship (assembly) are an important element of our school life and contribute significantly to the Christian ethos of our school community.

The purpose of our collective worship is to provide a time and opportunity for children and adults to reflect, think and develop spiritually. Clearly as a Church of England school our collective worship has a distinct Christian ethos, yet is inclusive and accessible to all. Our times together, led by school leaders, teachers, pupils and clergy, tend to include a story or thought for the day, a song, prayer / time for reflection and an action or challenge or thought to take into the day ahead. Some parents like to follow up the themes of our collective worship with their children at home.

This term our themes will include:

- ◇ Epiphany
- ◇ Candlemas
- ◇ Favourite songs and psalms
- ◇ Different aspects of worship (eg adoration, prayer, music, reflection, reconciliation)
- ◇ Different aspects of Jesus' character - "I am" ... (eg the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Vine)
- ◇ Lent
- ◇ Holy Week

Our Easter service, "Resurrection Rock" will be held at St Matthew's Church on Thursday 3rd April at 10am. All parents, family and friends of our school are welcome.

Breakfast & Stars After School Club

Breakfast Club— £3.00 a day

Breakfast club runs from 8am in the school hall. Children enjoy a healthy, fresh breakfast of cereal, porridge, toast, fruit, yoghurt, milk and juice/water.

Stars After School Club—£3.50 per session

Stars club runs until 5:30pm where children enjoy a variety of activities as well as a light snack.

Session 1 3:15 - 4:30 and Session 2 4:15 - 5:30

Cost for both star sessions—£7.00 a day



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