



**St. Matthew's**  
Church of England Primary School

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## Friday 5th June 2020 • Spring Term • Newsletter 24

### – WELCOME – BACK TO SCHOOL

We are delighted to have welcomed back to school this week pupils in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**. It is wonderful to see the children's smiling faces and hear their voices around the school - we have missed you all! St Matthew's School has, of course, been open every day since schools closed, providing for children of key workers and others with specific needs and circumstances. Thank you to everyone - children, parents and staff - who have worked extremely hard at home and in school, juggling many responsibilities, over the past couple of months.

A huge hello to all of those children and families who are not back in school yet and are working hard at home; we miss you and look forward to you joining us again here at St Matthew's! At present, we do have any update on when **Years 2, 3, 4 and 5** will return to school. We only find out this information and hear government statements at the same time as everybody else. Schools are not told this information in advance!

If your child is in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** and you decide that you do want your child to come back, please email the school office to request a place and we will get back to you to confirm when your child may return to school. Please note you cannot just turn up! The next intake will be w/b 15th June.

#### Home Learning

We are very much enjoying seeing the wonderful work that children have been completing at home. We are proud of our staff and children for adapting so well to new ways of working and learning.

**If you haven't already done so, please visit the home learning page of our website which has been updated with activities and resources for this half term.**

**<https://www.stmatthewsredhill.org.uk/1312/home-learning-june-and-july>**

Here you will find a timetable to help structure your day, along with activities and resources that match each aspect of the timetable. We have designed these activities so that a printer is not essential.

For Maths and Reading we continue to use Pearson ActiveLearn, alongside activities that the teachers have planned to match those set on this platform. Please contact the school office to request log in details for your child if you have not already done so.

To support writing, each child has been sent a pack of Literacy Tree home learning activities, which can be used alongside the video clips on our website to teach a wide range of English skills. Another pack will be sent to you mid-June with learning activities based around a new book and video clips.

Please also see the website for a wide range of activities and resources to support many other areas of the curriculum too.

Our weekly zoom sessions for teachers and children in all year groups will start again next week; primarily for children not in school. The school office staff are sending out new access details this week; please contact them if you do not receive yours or would like to request details.

Please continue to check the school website, as we add further resources week by week; and remember to keep emailing us completed learning activities to share with your class teacher and on twitter... we love seeing them!



#### **Diary Dates**

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 we have had to **cancel** all of the exciting activities that we had planned for the children for the remainder of this academic year. We know this is so disappointing, especially for pupils in Year 6. Thank you for your understanding! We look forward to next year when, hopefully, we can once again enjoy all the high quality sports, performing arts, trips and clubs for which St Matthew's School is renowned!

**Have Faith - Encourage - Aim High**

For all of us it is important, especially in the current circumstances, to take time to pause and reflect and to make a little time for ourselves in our busy day.



This week, as a staff team we have used the following as a guide for our personal and corporate thoughts and prayers

*God we ask you to be with us as increasing numbers of pupils and staff return to our school.  
Help us to be welcoming.*

*God we ask you to help us to hold on to our vision for a united community.  
Help us to have confidence in the work we are doing.*

*God we ask your blessing on our new and imaginative ways of being a school  
Fill us with creativity.*

*God you make all things new,  
You pour out your grace day by day,*

*You are mighty to save,*

*Give us hope for the future. Amen.*

### Steps to Outstanding

Congratulations to Miss Cunnington and Miss Powell on achieving their National Professional Qualifications for Senior and Middle Leadership respectively. This is no mean feat and is an example of the high calibre of staff here at St Matthew's School. Well done!



### Food Booster Packs - Free School Meals

As of Thursday 11th June there will be a slight change to the collection of the Food Booster Packs now that school has opened more widely for certain year groups.

The collection point will continue to be the same place but the collection time will be between **11.00 am-12.00 noon**. We will be no longer be following up any uncollected boxes or carrying out any deliveries.

If you have any concerns or questions about this please contact the school office.

### 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 enjoy Forest School activities as part of their curriculum

**A D M I S S I O N S**  
**O P E N**



Those attending school will have noticed that Mrs Saunders has not yet returned to her important crossing patrol "lollipop lady" duty. Please can we remind parents and children to use the zebra crossing on the other side of Park Road to cross Linkfield Lane safely.

### Empowering Parents Workshops by Ali McClure

Thank you to those of you who attended the last workshop hosted by Ali; it was a great success! The next one is titled '**Behaviour, Learning & Trust**' and is on Thursday 9th July at 8:15pm - £18.50 Please see poster sent via Parent Mail for full details.  
<https://billetto.co.uk/e/behaviour-learning-and-trust-tickets-408102>

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1 verse 9 [from the Old Testament part of the Bible]*

## Next Academic Year's Term Dates

#### 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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### Useful telephone numbers:

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