



Friday 7th February • Spring Term • Newsletter 19

The children finish for the half term break on Friday 14th February at the usual time of 3:15pm. Stars after school club will run as normal on 14th February until 5.30pm. School reopens on Monday 24th February.

Diary Dates

February 2020

Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
Wed 12th 9.00 KS1 sports hall athletics competition at Donyngs
Wed 12th Year 4 Visit to St Matthew's Church
Wed 12th 12.00-3pm Key Steps gymnastics competition at Donyngs
Wed 12th pm Yr 6 to watch "Grimm Tales" at Caterham School
Thurs 13th pm Yr 6 Junior Citizen - Surrey Fire & Rescue, Reigate
Fri 14th Year 6 History Activity Day - Ancient Greeks
Fri 14th Football v RAAS Away
Mon 17th - Fri 21st Half term
Tues 25th 4pm Cross country practice at Priory Park, Reigate
Thurs 27th Year 5 and Sun Class History Activity Day - Victorians

March 2020

Mon 2nd Book Week
Wed 4th Star Steppers dance show at the Harlequin Theatre
Thurs 5th World Book Day - Dress up as a favourite book character
Mon 9th Inset Day / school closed - staff training day
Wed 11th 1pm Yr 5 netball event at Reigate Grammar School
Wed 11th 4pm Cross country race at Priory Park, Reigate
Wed 11th 7pm Governors meeting
Tues 17th 5:30 - 8:00pm Parents Evening
Wed 18th Yr 5/6 netball tournament at St Bede's
Weds 18th 3:30 - 6:00pm Parents Evening
Mon 23rd Year 6 History Activity Day - Bank of England
Tues 24th Yr 5 Easter Experience at Reigate Park Church
Wed 25th Yr 5/6 football tournament at Sandcross School
Thurs 26th Yr4 National Theatre Project Evening Performance time tbc
Friday 27th Yr4 National Theatre Project Afternoon Performance time tbc
Mon 30th Lent Appeal Week
Tues 31st KS2 dance festival at Donyngs

April 2020

Weds 1st Final swimming lessons of term
Thurs 2nd 10am Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
Fri 3rd Last day of spring term 2.30 finish.
Mon 20th Inset Day / school closed - staff training day
Tues 21st Children return to school - summer term
Weds 22nd Swimming lessons start
Tues 28th Sun class visit to Kent Wildlife Trust

May 2020

Wed 6th Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral
Wed 6th 7pm Governors meeting
Fri 8th Bank Holiday (VE day 75th anniversary) School closed.
w/b 11th Yr 6 KS2 SATS
Mon 18th Yr 5/6 swimming gala at Royal Alexandra & Albert School
Tues 19th Yr 5/6 cricket tournament at Merstham Cricket Club
Wed 20th Big Sing at Gatton Park
Fri 22nd Inset Day / school closed - staff training day
Mon 25th - Fri 29th half term

June 2020

w/b 8th Year 1 phonics screening
w/b 8th Year 4 multiplication tables check
Fri 12th Sun Class Panathlon
Fri 12th Yr 6 leavers service jazz rehearsal at Southwark Cathedral
Tues 16th pm Yrs 5/6 girls football tournament at St Matthew's
Wed 17th pm Yr 5/6 rounders tournament at Earlswood
w/b 22nd Activities week, including watersports at Mercers Lake
Fri 26th Sports Day & picnic lunch (am: Yrs 3,4,5,6; pm: Rec, Yr 1,2)
Tues 30th Induction Day for new pupils joining St Matthew's
Tues 30th Induction Day. Yr 6 pupils to secondary schools

July 2020

Thurs 2nd District sports athletics competition at RGS Hartswood
Thurs 9th Yr 3 trip to Fishbourne
Wed 8th 7pm Governors meeting
Fri 10th Yr 6 to perform at Leavers Services at Southwark Cathedral
Tues 14th 2:30pm Year 4 Clarinet Concert. Parents welcome
Weds 15th Final swimming lessons of term
Wed 15th & Thurs 16th School production
Fri 17th Annual Reports sent home to parents
Mon 20th 3:30 - 5:00pm "drop in" Parents Evening
Tues 21st Leavers Service at St Matthew's Church
Weds 22nd End of Year - Children finish at 2:30pm

Autumn term 2020

Mon 28th - Wed 30th September Yr 6 residential trip to High Ashurst
Mon 19th October School photographs

Another great week here at St Matthew's!

A big thank you to our School Governors, all volunteers, who gave their time to spend a full and very productive day in school on Tuesday. This was the Governors' Monitoring and Strategy Day. Our governors spent time in every classroom, observing lessons, looking at children's work and speaking with pupils and staff, including an important focus on safeguarding. They also observed playtimes and lunchtime activities. Regular visits to school enable our governors to be fully informed about the life of our school, its strengths and areas for ongoing development and to "triangulate" what they see first hand with written reports and school data.

First hand active learning is something we always encourage at St Matthew's School with an excellent programme of visits and wider curriculum activities for all our children. On Monday morning, Reception Class pupils enjoyed their first RE curriculum visit to St Matthew's Church. They explored the different areas of the church to think about how they are used to help different people. Thank you to parent helpers who came along with us.



This week (and next week too) has seen our children enjoy lots of opportunities to participate and compete in various sports events.

On Wednesday, Year 5 participated in the Badminton Inspire Event held at Donyngs. Well done to Libby, Nanade, Wissam, Mickayla, Summer, Elouise, Keywan, Rishika, Ethan, Reggie, Ronnie and Jack! We were delighted that following this local event St Matthew's team will now represent Reigate & Redhill in the "Racquet Pack" Badminton County Final on 3rd March.



This morning some of our Key Stage 1 children competed in this term's Multi Skills Festival hosted by St Bede's School. The children were yet again excellent ambassadors for St Matthew's showing great sporting skills, teamwork and an attitude of positive sportsmanship. Well done to Elyse, Wali, Namratha, Priyanshi, Marwah, Rebekah, Amelia, Nina, Gabrielle, Kristal, Isla and Ava.

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*

Good attendance at school is vital for your child!

Ensuring all our children attend school every day is a priority.



100% is the expected attendance for every child.

95% is the minimum expected.

There is a clear correlation between attendance and achievement at school and also in later life.

Class attendance w/b 3rd February

Nursery	87.9%	Reception	95%
1S	96.7%	1W	96.3%
2T	94.4%	2P	98.1%
3P	94.5%	3H	94.5%
4C	94.7%	4P	93.9%
5C	96.9%	5K	95%
6M	98%	6F	96.9%
Sun Class	95%		

If your child is genuinely unwell, parents must notify the school office by telephone 01737 762080 or via the ParentMail app before 8:30am each day to report and give the reason for your child’s absence and expected day of return.



Don't forget you can still sign up for our two new Friday morning Family Learning courses

Year 1 and 2 Parents - Keeping up with the Children’s Maths

Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents - Money Smart Kids

Please ask at the school office for an application form!

These short courses are open to all parents

Steps to Outstanding

Have you completed the online Ofsted Parent View questionnaire?



We would encourage all parents to complete the questionnaire. Your comments and support help us to continue to improve and build on our many achievements.

You can access Parent View via our school website www.stmatthewsredhill.org.uk

- On our homepage, scroll down to 'Latest News' and select the news item relating to Parent View. Clicking on the text links or image within this will take you to the Parent View website.
- Along the header tabs on our website hover over 'About Us' and select 'Parental Feedback' from the drop down menu. Clicking on the text links or image within this will take you to the Parent View website.

Please contact the school office if you need help accessing or completing the questionnaire.

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 ★ **Star Steppers** ★
 ★ **Dance Show** ★
 ★ **Yellow Performance** ★
 ★ **Wednesday 4th March** ★
 ★ **5pm** ★
 ★ Tickets are now on sale ★
 ★ from the Harlequin Theatre ★
 ★ box office. They always ★
 ★ sell out quickly so ★
 ★ please buy yours soon to ★
 ★ avoid disappointment! ★
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For over 120 years Welcare has been there for children and families in times of need and crisis.



You are invited to a presentation providing an opportunity to visit our centre and hear about our work.

The next presentations will be held on:
Friday 14 February 2020, 10.00 – 11.30am
Tuesday 24 March 2020, 2.00 – 3.30pm

Please RSVP to attend • Email: redhill@welcare.org • Call: 01737 780884

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