



## Friday 8th February 2019 • Spring Term • Newsletter 20

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February 2019

Fri 8th	Football v Merstham (Home)
Mon 11th	Football v Lime Tree (Home)
Tues 12th	4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country practice at Priory Park
Wed 13th	Attendance Awareness Course for parents of persistent absentees
Wed 13th	7pm Governors meeting
Thurs 14th	Football away at Royal Alexandra & Albert School
Thurs 14th	9.15 - 11.30am KS1 Multi Skills at St Bede's
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>3.15pm Valentine-themed cake sale</b>
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Half Term
Tues 26th	4pm Yrs 3,4,5,6 Cross country race at Priory Park

#### March 2019

Fri 1st	Football v St John's (Home)
w/b 4th	Book Week
Tues 5th	'Red' performance Star Steppers show at Harlequin Theatre
Weds 6th	Netball Match away at St John's
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
Weds 13th	Football v Reigate Parish (Home)
Wed 13th	3.30pm - 6pm parents/teacher consultation evening
Mon 18th	Yr 5 air pollution workshop
Mon 18th & Tues 19th	Year 4 bikeability
Tues 19th	Netball v Reigate Parish (Home)
Wed 20th	Year 5 Netball Rally at Reigate Grammar School
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 <b>at Reigate School</b>
Thurs 28th	pm Reserve date for Yr. 5 & 6 Netball at Reigate Priory
Fri 29th	AM—Junior Citizen Event for Year 6
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
Wed 3rd	Last day of swimming for this term
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	<b>Year 2 visit to Brighton University</b>
Thurs 4th	10am Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
Fri 5th	Last day of term for the children. Finish 2.30pm (No Stars)
Tues 23rd	Inset/staff training day (moderation) - School closed
Wed 24th	Children return to school
Wed 24th	Swimming starts (3H,4P, 5K, Sun Class, Yr 6 boys, booster)
<b>Thurs 25th</b>	<b>Yr 6 trip to Harry Potter Experience</b>

#### 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)
Tues 21st	Cricket tournament at Merstham CC
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	<b>Lent Call Service at Southwark Cathedral</b>
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
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
Fri 28th	St Matthew's School Sports Day am: KS2; pm: KS1 / Rec
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>Sunday Funday</b>

#### 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.
Thurs 11th	Year 6 trip to "Connect with the Countryside"
<b>Fri 12th</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral</b>
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)



**ESafety** On Tuesday, teachers and children at St Matthew's School used **Safer Internet Day** as an opportunity to inspire conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The use and impact of social media on children and young people has been prominent in the news in recent days. In school, as always, we will continue to remind children to take a responsible approach to their internet usage and follow our e-safety rules. We would encourage parents to take an active interest in the games, apps and websites your children are using and talk to them about who they are interacting with online. You may find the following websites useful in supporting you with these conversations.



It is also important that, as parents, we set a good example to our children in positive and appropriate use of social media.

**St Matthew's Success!**



Congratulations to our talented St Matthew's **quiz teams** who achieved 1st and 2nd places in yesterday's local inter-school quiz. Well done to Thomas, Alper, Oscar, Philip, Lily Belle, Aidan, Jonathan and Julia. Our winning team are through to the semi finals while 2nd team are in a strong position to go through as the highest scoring runners up.

Other activities this week to enhance the children's learning have included a **visit from children's author, Ally Sherrick**, who worked with children from **Years 5 and 6**, reading extracts from her books and encouraging the children with their own writing skills and opportunities. Ally also signed copies of her books for the children who wished to buy them.

Yesterday, **Year 4 stepped back in history to the time of the Anglo Saxons**. The children, looking great in their costumes, were all fascinated by the artefacts, asking thoughtful and informed questions.



**A great day, in school every day...  
Children must be in school every day!**  
*Improving attendance is a key priority!*



Good attendance at school improves children's achievement and success now and in the future. The next big attendance prize will be awarded at Easter.

Class attendance w/b 28th January

Nursery	85.2%	Sun Class	90.8%
Squirrels	92%	Hedgehogs	92.8%
1C	96%	1M	97.4%
2G	96.9%	2P	94.6%
3P	91.3%	3H	95.7%
4B	88.5%	4P	87%
5C	96.9%	5K	97.1%
6M	98.3%	6F	98.3%

**Steps to Outstanding!**



The vast majority of parents at St Matthew's ensure their children attend school every day and support the children's learning at home, with the obviously benefits to the children. Frustratingly there are a number of parents who still do not seem to realise the importance for their children of good attendance at school. On Wednesday (13th February) we are holding the first of our **Attendance Awareness Courses** for parents of persistent absentees. If you received an invitation letter, please make sure you have confirmed which session you will be attending. Attendance at this course and, of course improved attendance for your child, is an initial alternative to referral to the Education Welfare Officer and a fine/penalty notice.

**Congratulations to our successful St Matthew's Gymnastics Teams!**



On Wednesday, our gymnastics squad competed in an impressive style at the annual Key Steps Gymnastics competition, at Donyngs. Our 16 talented gymnasts from Years 3 - 6 competed against 116 gymnasts from 9 local schools and were judged in three disciplines; body management, floor exercise and vault.

Both the Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 team came home victorious with 1st place trophies for the second consecutive year. We are extremely proud of how hard they trained leading up to the competition and the excellent discipline and team support they displayed at the event.



Huge congratulations to Abigail, Marinella, Mia, Rianna and Skye. Also to Alice, Alicia, Dhriti, Jessica, Julia, Kyra, Lexi-Rose, Macey, Maddie, Nikola and Oscar who also won individual medals.

Many thanks to our staff, Mrs Loombe and our past St. Matthew's pupils Alfie, Amy and Jasmine for all their help and support at the event.



**VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE**



**When:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
**Where:** School Hall  
**Time:** 3.15 p.m.  
**Price:** 30p per item

**Cake donations:** Please bring your cake donations to the school hall between 8.30 - 8.50 a.m. on Friday 15th February (day of the sale).

*Fancy a sweet treat? Maybe you want to show your crush you like them? Then come buy a cake! Friends of St. Matthew's invites you to join in with our Valentine's Bake Sale. Donations of any small baked goods, whether home baked or shop bought, will be appreciated and maybe try your hand at making them Valentines themed. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Please remember that the **pupil entrances** must be used to enter/leave school premises. **Children and parents are not permitted to walk through the car park.**



This is for the safety of the children as cars , taxis and deliveries arrive and leave.

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