

**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 major attendance prize will be awarded at Easter.



Class attendance w/b 4th March

Nursery	90.7%	Sun Class	96.9%
Squirrels	94.5%	Hedgehogs	81.9%
1C	92.8%	1M	100% <i>Well done!</i>
2G	99.2%	2P	95%
3P	95.3%	3H	98%
4B	97%	4P	96.8%
5C	96.2%	5K	97.9%
6M	98.3%	6F	96.3%



Steps to Outstanding!



Our core business here at St Matthew's School is to ensure all our children are taught well by excellent teachers and enabled to make good progress, whatever their starting point, and achieve highly in reading, writing and mathematics. We want our children to enjoy learning and to be confident to apply their skills and knowledge across curriculum subjects and in other contexts. We are proud of our children's achievements and their positive engagement in classroom lessons, in sports events and music and other performing arts activities. As a church school, Religious Education is an important area of learning, benefiting the children's thinking skills, personal development and faith, positive relationships with others and application of important values which they can take with them throughout their lives.

As a school we are very appreciative of the strong support from parents in encouraging and nurturing the children's learning, behaviour and confidence. Our reward is watching our children grow and develop into well-rounded young people who use their varied skills and talents to contribute positively to our community.



Congratulations to all the St Matthew's pupils - more than 70 of you! - who performed in the East Surrey Dance Festival at the Harlequin Theatre on Tuesday. You made us all incredibly proud. Your performances were of a very high and professional standard and you all managed to maintain a big smile throughout your performances! Well done!

Thank you Mrs Baillie-Young for your drive and inspiration to ensure the children achieve so well. Thank you too to other staff and parents who work so hard rehearsing and supporting practices and participation.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Reminder that Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March are parents evenings (3P: 20th March). If you have not yet confirmed an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet. We look forward to seeing you all and discussing your child's progress at school this term.



Essential for every child:

- Read and share books at home regularly, daily where possible. Visit Redhill Library - it's free!
- Learn and practise number bonds (pairs of numbers that make eg 10 or 20 or 100 or 1000)
- Learn (off by heart!) and practise times tables. *From next year there will be a national multiplication tables test for all Year 4 pupils*
- Teach your children to tell the time (on an clock with a face and hands!) and read eg train or bus timetables
- Practise writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Talk together (around the table at mealtimes is always good!) and share activities and stories with family
- Enjoy practical activities such as cooking - a great way to practise the weighing and measuring aspects of maths - or gardening (even a hanging basket or window box!) or art/craft or sewing or woodwork.



Sports Fixtures



There are a lot of sports fixtures coming up over the next few weeks including netball, football, hockey and badminton. If your child has been selected to take part in a fixture or tournament, then they will have received a letter this week. If you are not sure, then please speak to the school office staff or Mrs Baillie-Young for more information.

It is vital that we get consent slips back for every event. Thank you for your continued co-operation with this.

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