

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Believing Achieving Succeeding

Autumn 2, 2021

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Please note that the 'blue book' email address bluebook@stmatthews.rbksch.org is only for communicating covid test results with us. If you receive a positive coronavirus test, let the school know immediately by emailing bluebook@stmatthews.rbksch.org and give as much detail as possible as to class, date of symptoms, date of test. This is especially important at weekends and holidays.

It's lovely to have all of Reception children in full time now. We know that you'll be very happy and look forward to getting to know you. It was lovely to see so many of you at the New Parents' Coffee and Chat on Monday. Thank you to all the FOSMPS helpers!

Covid-19

We would recommend that you continue to test regularly using the lateral flow tests and have a supply in the office if needed. All school staff are asked to complete these tests twice weekly and this helps to keep everyone safe. Self-isolation rules have changed. You will not need to self-isolate in certain situations:

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
 - you're under 18 years, 6 months old
 - you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:
- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/pcr-test) to check if you have COVID-19
 - follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19

Many thanks to parents/carers who have attended Curriculum evenings this week. If you were unable to attend your child's curriculum evening, the slides used at each presentation have been put on the school website under Children- Curriculum Evenings. This term we shall be holding virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings on 19 October and the 2 November. More details to follow.

Year 6 Parents/Carers

A reminder for our year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October. Use the eAdmissions website from 1 September to apply online for your child's secondary school place. <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> You can name up to six schools in your application including academy or free schools and schools in other council areas.

External Clubs Autumn Term After School Clubs

Magpie Makes: 13th Sept to 6th Dec 2021 Yr 1 to Yr 6

Contact: suzie@magpiemakes.co.uk

- Monday Sewing Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm
- Wednesday Art Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Forest School: 9th Sept to 9th December Yr 1 to Yr 6

Contact: mariasprostranova@gmail.com

- Thursdays 3.15pm-5.30pm

Drama Workshop - 10th Sept to 10th Dec 2021

- Fridays 3.15pm to 4.15 pm Contact: dramaworkshops@live.co.uk

Before School Clubs Laura Spooner Football Club Contact:

f.touch@hotmail.co.uk

- Tuesdays 14th Sept to 14th December 2021 : 7.40am to 8.30am: Year 4-6
- Thursday 16th Sept to 9th Dec 2021 : 7.40am to 8.30am: Year 1 - 3

Reminder to Parents/Carers

Please may we remind families that children are not permitted to play or climb on the fixed playground equipment after school. We thank you for your cooperation.

St Matthew's Church is officially a 'bereavement friendly church' and so is running a six week course called 'The Bereavement Journey' which is for those of faith and no faith to explore experiences of bereavement and grief. The course will run for 6 Tuesdays from 28 Sept at 10.30am - 1pm. Please call Susan Kang if you are interested in finding out more on 07745 795395 or visit www.stmatthewskt6.org and look at the 'Life Events' page.



Don't forget... this Friday is Jeans for Genes Day! If you do not wish to wear your jeans, you can wear home clothes but not including football kits- thank you. Please donate on School Gateway.



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Keeping Children Safe – If you are worried or concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child out of school hours, please contact Kingston's Single Point Access (SPA) on 0208 547 5008. If you are worried about a child's immediate safety you should phone the Police on 999.

Reading

Reading is key to learning and the children must develop the love of reading and be able to read for sustained periods. Please encourage your children by modelling the reading habit yourself!

Hopefully lots of you signed up to the e-petition to introduce more traffic calming measures onto Kingsdowne Road.

Kingston Council to use innovative sensor technology to monitor air quality around School Streets

Kingston Council is one of the first London Boroughs to join the 'Breathe London' trial which gives it access to the Breathe London network of air quality sensors and pollution data, significantly reducing the costs of sourcing accurate air pollution data for local projects and schemes like School Streets.

Kingston has been trialling a number of [School Street schemes](#) in the borough, which aim to improve the safety of school children travelling to school and localised air quality. The council will utilise cutting-edge internet-enabled technology to provide data on different transport modes and movement patterns, as well as air quality.

Langley Road will have 2 traffic counters at either ends and one air quality monitor positioned outside the school entrance. Further monitors are planned to be installed on Kingsdowne Road in the new school year.

Road danger is a significant risk to the children in schools and reducing the amount of traffic on the roads around our school will make a big difference to their safety. We are working with the council to discuss plans that could involve ideas such as school streets. School Streets also help to reduce congestion, bad parking, increase cycling, walking and scooting – addressing problems with inactivity - and create space for social distancing.

Reminders

Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school playground or as you come in the gates– please “walk your wheels”

May we remind you that NUTS are not allowed in the school premises at any time. This includes all snack bars such as Trackers which contain nuts and any Nutella chocolate spread.

Please do not give sweets out on a birthday as we are trying to reinforce our healthy eating strategy. Perhaps consider a fruit option or donating a book for the class library.

Well done Ezgi!

Ezgi, one of our outgoing Year 6's from July, has won first place in The Festival of Quilts international competition in Birmingham in the Young Quilters 10-13 years category. Below is the link to the related web page:

<https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/news-list/2021-competition-winners/>



Lunches

If you have any issues or comments about the lunches, please contact Caterlink directly on admin@caterlinkltd.co.uk