

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Autumn 4

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TIP for the week! Greet your child with a smile – not a mobile!

Current Worship

God's creation

Values: Beauty and appreciation

Photography Competition

The theme for this years Photography Competition is 'Where I Live'. Take one spectacular photograph and submit by Friday 19th October 2018.

The two winners and runners up will be announced in a whole school assembly.

Newspapers

We would appreciate it if you could please bring in old newspapers to your class teachers for art.

FOSMPS Christmas Banner Design

We would like the children to design the banner for the FOSMPS Christmas Fair (which will be on 1st December). This would make an excellent activity for the half term holiday. Entries need to be returned by the first day back after the holiday (Monday 29 October)

Please look in your child's book bag for entry form.

We say cheerio to Miss Douglas at the end of this week who begins her maternity leave. We wish her family every good wish and will let you know further 'baby news' when we have it!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for our Harvest Service. This was a lovely service reminding us all of how fortunate we are and how we can help others. Many thanks to Nigel Palmer for explaining to us how the weather has such a profound impact upon the harvest in Malawi. A big thank you too- to all the children who read at the service- which is a really tricky skill when there are so many people in the congregation. Well done to you all! Thank you also to the year groups that did a special performance for this service. You did a great job and the service was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Many thanks also to those parents who taxied the donations to the Big Yellow Storage Company who look after the food on behalf of The Kingston Foodbank. We could not manage without you!

Have a wonderful Half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children again on Monday 29 October for the start of school.

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Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free School.

Thank you to all the parents who gave tours of our lovely school during Open Morning

FOSMPS AGM

The AGM of FOSMPS will take place at 7pm on 18th October in the school hall.
Please note that free pizza and drinks will be served from 6.30pm.

Parents Consultation Evening

We have two consultation Evenings Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 8th November. You will soon be able book appointments to see your child's class teachers online. Details will shortly be sent home.

**Saturday
27th October
2018**

Join us for a "Community Action Day" to clean up and improve Fishponds Park, Surbiton.

We'll be in the ponds, clearing woodland paths, pruning bushes, litter picking and more!

Plus talks on local wildlife & the history of Fishponds.

**Fishponds
Park
Surbiton**

**Community
Action
Day**

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10.00
Volunteer welcome
11.30-12.30
Refreshments & talks
14.00
Finish time

Equipment provided but gardening gloves and sturdy shoes or boots would be useful!

For more info visit:
www.facebook.com/fishpondssurb
or email:
fishpondssurb@gmail.com

Anti Bullying week

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying. Here at St. Matthew's we are naming the week 'Friendship week' to emphasise adopting a positive approach. We are planning whole school activities during the week 12th - 16th November. To launch the week we are holding an Odd Socks Day. The event is designed to be fun and provide an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their own individuality. **Odd socks day will take place on Monday 12th November 2018.** Children will wear their normal uniform, with the addition of odd socks if they choose to do so.

Visit by Kimberley Renicks

Our P.E. subject leader, Mrs Ritchie has arranged for Kimberley Renicks, a Judo Champion who medalled gold in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and who was most recently placed 5th in the Glasgow European open to visit our school on 22nd November. We would like to suggest that everyone donates £1.10 in order to support this young talent.



Parent Governor Vote

We will shortly be sending home voting forms for our Parent Election to the Governing Body. We will be asking you to vote for two vacancies.

Charities

This year the School Council spoke to their classes about a number of charities. The school then voted on which they would like to support financially this year, they are as follows: Shelter, British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)