

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Autumn 5

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E- Safety Tip – Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge

Current Worship

God's creation

Values: Beauty and appreciation

Remembrance

The children will have the opportunity to donate for a poppy as from Monday 5th November, so please encourage them to bring in some loose change as from Monday. Remembrance is part of modern British life, culture and heritage and Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November 2018, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. This year is especially significant as it is one hundred years since the end of the First World War.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are visiting St Matthew's church next week as part of their Local Hero exhibition. With the assistance of local researchers (from the group 'Local Hero' - www.local-hero.org.uk) the group have plotted where nearly all 137 of those who appear on our War Memorial lived in the Parish. The church have full accounts of their military service and in some cases they can tell the stories of their lives. The Exhibition also covers more general information of WWI making it a great introduction for pupils finding out more about the history of the period. There is also the opportunity for visitors to 'adopt' a name. The 'adopter' will receive a certificate with all the information about the soldier and be able to remember them in years to come so that none are forgotten. In this very special year there will be significant coverage of the events of 100 years ago and this Exhibition will help pupils appreciate both the local and wider implications of those events.

Odd Socks Day

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.

Mufti Days

Next Friday 9th November is a mufti day in exchange for:
KS1 – jam jars filled with small gifts e.g. small toys, marbles, hairbands.
KS2 – bagged sweets
Friday 30th November is also a mufti day in exchange for bottles – alcoholic or non-alcoholic (whole school).

Baby News

Mrs Douglas has given birth to a healthy baby boy called Oliver Samuel, Mum and baby are both doing well.

Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evenings

A reminder to sign up online if you have not already done so. We hope that you have all made an appointment to meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how they have settled into their new year group.

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Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free School.

Open Morning

Many thanks to all those parents who helped with tours on our Open Morning. Your time is much appreciated- thank you!

Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception or in Year 1 and 2, they are automatically entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'. However, if your child is in Years 3 and above, they may also be entitled if you receive any of the following (provided that you complete the form on Kingston Council's website). Please go to www.kington.gov.uk and search for Free School Meals and submit your application.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – If you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

St Matthew's Church is repeating a short practical workshop which they ran in the summer called 'Praying with your children and grandchildren' which includes teaching, sharing, ideas and encouragement. It will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 8pm at the Church - all parents and grandparents are very welcome. Just turn up!

Junior Travel Ambassadors- Shannon and Bhakti

These children had their annual conference in New Malden just before the half-term holiday. They began by taking part in a find the missing word competition, and were fortunate enough to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton on hand to help them.

They met other JTAs from all over Kingston and Sutton and worked with them to prepare a road safety talk to use in school.

They learned about the different tasks that they could carry out in their role and are looking forward to getting started after half term.

They had a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to Mrs Molden and Miss Stubbington for accompanying them to New Malden.

FOSMPS Poster Competition

The House Captains have judged the entries for the poster competition. First place was Joseph in Orange Class, whose design will be made into the banner for the Christmas Fair. Second Place was awarded to Darcey in Yellow Class and Third Place was awarded to Emma in Garnet Class. Many congratulations to them- and to everyone who entered. All entries will be strung together to make bunting for the event.