

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Autumn 6

www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk

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

Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone for taking part with this fun idea. Staff and pupils alike had great fun adorning their odd socks after listening well to Mrs Watts' special assembly which taught us how we are all different – and yet special- and how we must celebrate this diversity. Later in the week, the classes will all had the opportunity to work with another year group designing their own socks which will be displayed within school.



Used Stamps

Please keep collecting your used stamps. In these email-heavy days you probably do not receive as many letters as you once did but Christmas is a great opportunity to collect the used stamps from your Christmas cards.

Mufti Day

Friday 30th November is a mufti day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair – alcoholic or non-alcoholic (whole school).

Passport/ Naturalisation Applications etc

Please be aware that St Matthew's staff will no longer act as referee for any such forms.

FOSMPS Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December 12 – 3pm

Please make a note of this date. We'd love to see as many of you as possible! Visit Santa and Miss Santa and have your photo taken. Win some great prizes on the Wheel of Fortune including one of our amazing hampers. Plus there's all the usual stalls and activities for the kids to enjoy. The fun starts at 12pm.

FOSMPS would like to thank everyone who has given their time and donations towards the fair.

Boots

Please be advised that whilst we are happy for children to bring wet/cold weather boots into school for before school and playtime, they are not appropriate school wear to be worn all day and children must have their school shoes with them to change into.

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Art Aprons

If you have not already done so, please can you remember to send an old adult shirt or an art apron into school for the children to use for their Art lessons.

Old Newspapers

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

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.

Blue Books

If you have a small concern about your child, please make appointments using the blue Parent/Teacher Contact book which should be returned daily. All pupils are given a contact book. If anyone has lost theirs please ask at the school office for a new one

Weather

The weather is much colder now so please ensure that your child has a coat and gloves suitable for the current weather as forgetting to bring a coat to school is not sufficient reason to stay inside for breaktimes. Please note that should the weather necessitate closing the school (e.g. heavy snow) the school would make that decision at approx. 7.30 on that day as it is dependent upon how many staff can make it in. Please listen to Radio Jackie where it would be announced.