

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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Autumn 7

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Contact - It is very important that a parent contacts school on the first day of their child's illness. If we do not hear from you, and cannot contact you, you may be involved in an accident and we would not know. It is crucial that we have an extra emergency contact number for someone that is contactable.

Current Worship

God's creation

Values: Beauty and appreciation

Christmas Post box

We shall have the Christmas postbox out from the week commencing Monday 10 December for the last two weeks of the term when Santa's elves will be on delivery duty. Please encourage your child to post their cards for classmates in the box, ensuring that they write both the forename and surname and the class name.



Christmas gifts for children in hospital

Rather than collecting for the Samaritan's Purse this year, we have decided to support both Kingston and Great Ormond Street hospitals by asking if families wish to donate a wrapped Christmas gift. They have suggested playing cards, puzzles, games, new cuddly toys and baby items would be suitable. If wrapped donations could be brought to the school office with a tag suggesting the child's age, we will happily distribute these gifts with some pupil helpers.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for helping the Poppy Appeal. The British Legion were absolutely delighted to receive £430.10 from school donations. Many, many thanks on this fantastic total.

Christmas Jumper Day

You may wear your Christmas jumpers on Friday 14 December as well as Wednesday 19th December as that is our Christmas lunch day in school.



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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Christmas Performances in the church

All our performances will be held in the church and you should now have received the timings and arrangements. We look forward to seeing you there. We shall be collecting for Shelter and the British Heart Foundation at these events.

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

Sports for Champions

A big thankyou to everyone for your generosity in sponsoring the children. We raised an amazing £1764.70.

As part of our **Children's Faith Team** we have been looking at ways we can be kind and giving. We have decided to introduce a Foodbank box as people need food all year round and not just at the time of Harvest when we usually donate food. The box is located in the foyer under the pew and is open for anyone to donate food, you can bring it into school yourself or bring it in with your child. Currently the food that is needed the most is as follows; Tinned meat and meals, Pasta sauces, Instant coffee, Vegetarian ready meals, Noodles, Sponge puddings.

However, these are not the only things that are needed. Please feel free to donate any food and thank you for your continuous support.

Bikeability

Thank you for brilliant behaviour from all of those children who recently took part in the bikeability scheme. The trainers were extremely impressed with the maturity of the children. However, they did wish to mention that several of the bicycles failed the initial road-worthiness test as they had flat tyres and brakes that did not work. They also mentioned that some very expensive bicycles had very flimsy locks, so wondered whether Father Christmas might like to supply some heavier-duty ones

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.

Class Attendance

Red	97.2%
Purple	96.8%
Yellow	98.1%
Green	97.0%
Orange	98.2%
Blue	98.2%
Turquoise	97.0%
Emerald	97.5%
Pearl	96.4%
Opal	97.2%
Topaz	95.7%
Sapphire	98.6%
Garnet	97.9%
Amethyst	96.7%