

St Matthew's C of E Primary School

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A very Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the start of the Spring term. We hope 2018 will be a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous one for you and your family. The teachers and school staff would like to pass on their thanks for all the Christmas gifts they received – they were very much appreciated – thank you.

SATS Information Meetings

Please come along to the information and guidance meetings for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 who will be taking assessments in May.

Key Stage 2 – Tuesday 16th January at 7pm

Key Stage 1 – Wednesday 24th January at 7pm.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 swimming starts on Friday 19th January. Please ensure that your child has the following kit with them each Friday: swimming costume/trunks, swimming cap, towel, hairbrush. Please dissuade them from having their costumes underneath their uniform as they often forget underwear!

St Matthew's Uniform Requirements

PE kit should be in school every day for Reception to Year 6 and should include a spare pair of socks. If your child chooses to wear tights to school, please ensure they have a pair of socks for PE. In cold weather children can wear black tracksuit bottoms for sporting activities.

Long hair should be tied back every day with a plain coloured hairband or red or white scrunchie – no oversized bows or holiday hair wraps/braids.

Also, nail varnish and tattoos are not permitted.

Dame Darcey Bussell

St. Matthew's was thrilled that Darcey Bussell became a Dame for her services to dance. We are excited that her dance company DDMIX are continuing to work with us this year. The children are in the process of making a special congratulations card for her.

Google

Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant trip to Google last term (thank you to Mrs Aird-Mash) and this week we received a parcel from Google which contained 10 Google Pixel phones and accompanying Google Daydream View headsets. Thank you so much to all at Google.

Year 3 Football Festival

A group of Year 3 boys attended a football festival held at Chessington Community College on Tuesday 9th January. Six schools took part in a fast paced tournament which gave our boys their first chance to compete for St Matthew's, and their first chance to play as a competitive team. The first match did not go our way and we lost, but the team we lost to won every match and had much more experience as they play together each week. The boys rallied and went on to win the next four matches with spectacular scores! Charlie scored two hat tricks and both Aashir and Dior showed great strategic and passing skills. Harry, Oliver and Elliot showed tenacity and good team skills. Blair was terrific in attack and defence, and Jerome, our "man of the tournament", was a fearless and effective goalie! All the boys played well, despite the cold, and as the floodlights came on we went into the final match against Limetree School with confidence. The teams were very closely matched, but as the whistle blew they were one goal up. Mr Collard was distraught as he felt ours was the stronger team. It was an exciting final game in a very successful tournament. Well done all!

MyMaths

Do please remember to take advantage of MyMaths - an interactive teaching and homework platform for schools that builds pupils' engagement and consolidates their mathematical knowledge.

MyMaths supports the most recent Primary National Curriculum. It provides a series of carefully constructed lessons which explain mathematical concepts in an easy, step by step way by using visually engaging tools.

MyMaths develops children's skills, confidence and fluency in mathematics through lessons, linked homework and games.

To log on please visit www.mymaths.co.uk, then use the login: **stmatthews5** and password: **angles153**.

International Day School Lunch

Please remember to book your school lunch for International Day on January 18th.
www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk

Attendance

The whole school attendance figure from September to January was 96.8%. Please help us to improve this further by not taking your child out of school unless they are unwell.

Stamps

Please keep collecting your used stamps as these are sent to charity.

Data Protection Act 1998: How we use pupil information

The personal information that we hold about your child is only used to:

- support the pupils' learning
- monitor and report on their progress and provide appropriate pastoral care

This information includes contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have as well as relevant medical information.

If you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE use pupil information, please visit:

- <https://achievingforchildren.org.uk/wpc/ontent/uploads/2016/09/InformationGovernanceFramework01.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Please note that there is now a calendar for the year on our website.