

# St Matthew's C of E Primary School

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## St Matthew's Uniform Requirements

PE Kit is as follows: plimsolls or black trainers, black shorts, plain white t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms (optional) for cold weather.

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.

## Year 3 Tag Rugby Event

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Year 3 took part in a rugby tournament against seven different teams in the Kingston area. Although our team hadn't put much practise in before the tournament, we still won 2 games and drew 2 games. We came 2nd overall!

It was great fun and I really enjoyed watching Mrs Young and Mr Collard cheering us on at the sideline!

As team captain, I am proud of the players that took part in the tournament. Well done!

By Ethan Year 3



## Baby News

Miss Burdeck's little boy Arlo James George was born just after the last newsletter was sent out to you. He arrived weighing 7lb 9oz. Both mum and baby are doing well.

## Blue Books

A reminder that if you have any brief comments or messages to tell the teacher, please use the blue book. If, however, you have a more involved concern, please ask to arrange a meeting with the teacher.

## Reading

Please remember that your child should be reading a little every day and if you have the opportunity to listen to them read, please sign the Yellow Reading Record. Thanks

## E-Safety Tips

We wanted to include some e-safety tips in our newsletters as there seems to be more call for this in current times.

Please be aware that your children should not have access to Facebook, Whatsapp, Snapchat, Periscope, Musical.ly as they are not yet 13 years old. However, research tells us that 3 out of every 4 children aged 10-12 do have their own accounts and therefore, we would advise you of the geolocation feature that has been added to both Periscope and Snapchat recently. This allows your child to be located very accurately - down to your postcode. Please ensure that you have turned this feature off.

We would also strongly advise that no electronic devices are permitted in your child's bedroom at night. Heavy use of social media is linked to poorer mental health. **Heavy use** is considered to be more than two hours a day and this affects sleep which we know is crucial for development.

### **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](http://www.mymaths.co.uk), then use the login: **stmatthews5** and password: **angles153**.

### **BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition**

Further to the letter home last week, we will be taking part in the BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

We would love there to be a winner, or a shortlisted entry from St. Matthew's this year. We will be supporting them in class to come up with inspirational ideas, and guide them in how to plan an existing story, but we'd love your support at home too. When your children comes home with planning sheets for this, they don't have to do grid home learning. Each class will choose a week to do their story planning between now and 9<sup>th</sup> February.

We would also ask that you enter your child's final entry on the website here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/login>

### **Kingston Junior Drama Company**

We are an independent theatre group for young actors. We offer high quality drama training and regular performances. We present a range of original drama alongside new adaptations of literary classics. The focus of all our work is on the creative development of our young artists, and the fostering of a life-long enthusiasm for drama. Commitment is an essential requirement of joining KJDC. The company was established in 2007. Members of the company work professionally in theatre and television.

For all enquiries about Kingston Junior Drama Company please email: [kingstonjdc@aol.com](mailto:kingstonjdc@aol.com)

### **AfCinfo - Information website for parents, carers and young people**

Achieving for Children has launched a new website which contains information for the recipients and customers of our services in Kingston and Richmond. AfCinfo currently contains information and advice on the following:

- Early Years and childcare
- Family Information Service
- Parenting support
- Children's centres
- Leisure activities for families and children
- Emotional Health Service
- Education and employment advice for young people
- Leisure activities for young people
- Advice and support for young people on health and social issues
- Volunteering and participation activities for young people
- SEND Local Offer for families including children and young people with disabilities

More subjects may be added as the website grows.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.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.

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