

# St Matthew's C of E Primary School

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## Change of Date

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 will no longer be an INSET training day but will, instead be a normal working day at school for staff and pupils. Instead, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June will now be an INSET training day and therefore the school will be closed to parents and pupils on that day. We apologise for this change in date and hope that it has not inconvenienced you too much. Please note all dates should now be correct on our website.

## Thank you Southborough

The children of St Matthews had a wonderful treat on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January. A group of talented musicians from Southborough Boys' school came to play for us. The Southborough boys were from Years 8-11, and included some former pupils of St Matthews!

The boys made up three different groups, a pop band, a jazz band and a rock band. Our children heard a real cross section of music, and recognised the pop songs straight away! Their rapt and appreciative attention showed us that our children have a real love of music, and respect for live performance. There was a lively question and answer session after the performances, and I wouldn't be surprised if there were many requests to learn to play the trumpet or electric guitar.

## Thinking Day

22<sup>nd</sup> February is Thinking Day, pupils are allowed to wear their Rainbow, Brownie or Guide uniform on this day should they wish.

## Prayer Meeting

All parents/carers welcome. Please join us on Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm for our regular prayer meeting. Alternatively, if you have something that you wish us to pray for please give your thoughts to Christine in the main office.

Thank you

## St Matthew's Church

St Matthew's Church are holding a Big Screen Weekend on Saturday 10th Feb at 4.30pm. Feel free to come and watch the original silent film 'Hunchback of Notre Dame' with live organ accompaniment and on Sun 11th Feb at 4.30pm, 'I, Daniel Blake'. This is more likely to appeal to adults than to children. Come and have a cup of tea before from 4pm each day. Free entry with retiring collections for local charities.

## E-Safety Tips

6<sup>th</sup> February is National Safer Internet Day.

Parents/ Carers- please talk to your children about the fact that most people highlight all the good stuff when sharing their day on social media and miss out all the boring elements of their life. This falsely leads young people to believe that everyone else is having a far better time than them. Please discuss with your child how they should not seek constant approval from the online world- a world where people do not really know them.

### **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**.

### **Competition Winner**

Congratulations, Caitlyn Du Plessis, for winning a competition to design a poster for the 'Web of Well-being' - which is a project to ensure that young people can lead their lives with psychological freedom. She has also won £100 for our school and is going to assist us with how it should be spent. Well done, Caitlyn!

<https://webofwellbeing.org>

### **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)

### **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

### **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.**