

# St Matthew's C of E Primary School

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## Book Week

Thank you to everyone for entering into the spirit of our book week last week and to everyone for making such efforts over dressing up for World Book Day last Thursday - with the added challenge of it being a very snowy day! The children and staff looked amazing and really enjoyed the activities last week, including meeting some renowned authors.

## Parents Evenings

We are holding our parent consultations on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-5.10pm) and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-8.00pm). We very much hope that you will attend one of these sessions as it is the opportunity to understand how well your child is getting on at school and review your child's progress with their class teacher. Please visit <https://stmatthewsprim.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

Please ensure that you have signed up for an appointment with your child's class teacher.

## Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 8 children from Year 5 and 6 went to a hockey tournament at Surbiton Hockey Club. They worked really well together as a team, winning their group and getting through to the final. Unfortunately they didn't win but proudly came home with silver medals.

## Easter Service in the church

### Flower selling

There will be a flower stall in aid of raising funds for the school held outside St Matthew's Church at 10.15am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, directly after the Easter service. Out thanks to Mr John Warren for being instrumental in organising this event.

## Curriculum Overview

Please find attached the most recent curriculum overview for Reception classes. Please also look on the school website [www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk) for current information and dates.

## Sports Relief

We are promoting Sport Relief this term by having a 'Sport Kit Day' on the 16th March. For a £1 donation, children may come to school in any sport kit of their choice. They will also be participating in sporting activities on the day, and completing some challenges in the following week.

## Year 3 Roman Day - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3. We are going to celebrate their learning by having a Roman Day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The children will have fun with Roman themed lessons, making shields, practising marching and finally having a Roman feast.



## 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**.

## Budget Cuts to Schools

You will be aware that all schools, including ours, are subject to big funding cuts this year. Unfortunately this means that some things that we have previously paid for, we will no longer be able to fund. We would like to ask if you could donate a box of tissues for general use- and to send in tissues if your child is suffering with the sniffles.

For similar reasons- and for trying to reduce our use of plastic in school- we are no longer going to supply plastic cups for the water fountain so if you would like to send your child in with a labelled re-usable plastic bottle, that would be appreciated. Children can always use the water jet if they have not brought in their own bottle.

Thank you for your continuing support.

## Change of date

Friday 27 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 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 school website.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

Get creative, it's time for the Easter Bonnet Parade. This will be on Thursday 22nd March at 9.30. Please join us for tea, coffee and hot cross buns from 8.45 am.

## Stamps

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

## Photography Competition

During Book Week, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Tuck launched a Photography competition, with the theme "Where and how I read".

We are welcoming entries that capture your favourite place to read. You can choose to be the subject of your photograph, taking a self-portrait to document the experience or you can use a friend, family member or even a pet to recreate the scene.

Take one spectacular photograph and submit an A5 print by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Who: the competition is open to the whole school – Reception up to Year 6. They will be judged in two categories: Reception, Year 1 &2, and Years3-6.

## E-SAFETY TIPS:

### Top 3 Tips for keeping safe online:

1. Be careful what you share.  
If you wouldn't want your teachers or parents to see it, it is probably best not to post it because once its online it's out of your control.
2. Don't meet people you don't know.  
Even if you get on with them online, you never know who they really are.
3. Use a complex password.  
It should be hard for other people to guess your password and it's a good idea to change it regularly.

## 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 February was 96.9%. Please help us to improve this further by not taking your child out of school unless they are unwell.