

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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E- Safety Tip So many children struggle to sleep. One of the fastest ways to improve sleep- for all of us- is to limit screen time before bed.

Current Worship

Learning through the Old Testament.

Road Safety Mascot Competition

Meet Meggan the Safety Egg.

Congratulations to Joshua Murray the winner of our competition. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors like the idea of Meggan being fragile and needing to be careful on the roads. They also like the message "Stop, Look and Listen. Don't get scrambled." It did take us a little while to realise why Josh had chosen his spelling of Meggan. We hope to feature Meggan in some stories and posters to encourage children to use the road safely. Our runners up will also be included in our stories – Sausage Sid by Harry Gallucci-Brown, Sid Spaghetti by Max Gallucci- Brown, Green Cross Zebra by Darcey Fisher, Robbie the Roadbot by Oliver Barritt and Louis the Lollipop lights by Alfie Lelliott.



Prayer Meetings

We are keen to gauge interest for these termly Prayer Meetings and have been discussing different ways of attracting interest. If you are interested in attending, please could you email the School Office for the attention of Mrs Russell. Many thanks.

Signage

A few parents have asked about our banners advertising spaces in some year groups. We are always full in the younger year groups but some families do move away as their family grows to obtain larger accommodation in cheaper areas or send their children to private school. We receive funding for each pupil and therefore we do not wish to have too many spaces

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.

A very Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the start of the Spring term. We hope 2019 will be a happy and healthy 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.

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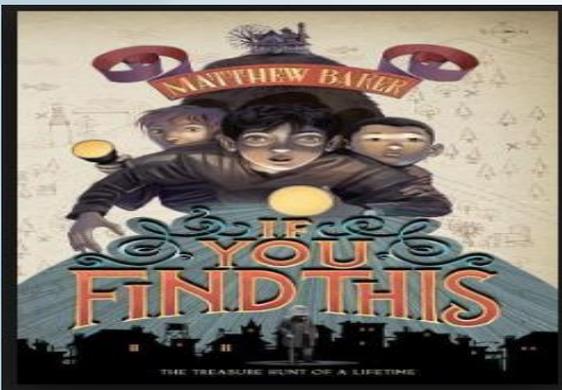
Reading

Parents often ask teachers what they can do to help support their children's learning at school. The answer is that you can really encourage them to read! Reading is key to learning and the children must develop a love of reading and be able to read for sustained periods.

Blue Contact 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.



If you Find This by Matthew Baker

If you Find This by Matthew Baker is an adventure story like no other I've ever read. Written from the view point of the central (Nicolas's), it is a story of twists and turns, unlikely friendships and hidden treasure. Nicolas needs to find the family heirlooms hidden by his criminal grandfather, so that he can save his family, but he can't do it alone. He needs help. Help which comes from the unlikeliest of people. If you love adventure stories, and mysteries then you'll love this book which is suitable for confident readers in Year 5 and above. The way this book is written is unique in how maths and music are woven into the narrator's thoughts, which gives us an insight into how he sees and understands the world around him. I would give this book 5 stars and think everyone should read it – you won't be able to put it down!

Mrs Douglas



Children's Faith Team

The Children's Faith Team would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their generous food donations to the Kingston Foodbank. The food items were taken by Miss Collins to the Foodbank before Christmas and were very gratefully received. We continue to collect for them and donations may be left in the entrance foyer in the box marked 'Kingston Foodbank.' Toiletries would also be very gratefully received - items such as shower gel, soap and toothpaste.

Weather



Please note that should the weather necessitate closing the school (e.g. heavy snow) the school would make that decision at approximately. 07:30 hours 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.