

# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

## Believing Achieving Succeeding

Spring 2 [www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stmatthews.kingston.sch.uk)



Please remember that lessons begin at 8:40am and your child should be in the playground in advance of this time.

### Current Worship

Learning through the Old Testament.

### Young Carers Awareness Day

Miss Dryden gave a special assembly about Young Carers and the important work that they do. Raising awareness of young carers among our pupils may encourage some pupils to consider issues relating directly to themselves for the first time. By discussing these issues as part of the curriculum, the aim is to create a more accepting and understanding environment where young carers feel safe and confident to share their stories and where they are accepted for who they are and supported by peers. A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. We learned that one in five secondary school pupils in England has a caring responsibility but one in ten are aged under ten. If you think your child may qualify as a Young Carer, please talk to us and log into [www.carers.org](http://www.carers.org) (careformetoo)

### Governors' Day in School

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Governors spent the day in school, immersing themselves in school activity from the playground to school dinners, from visiting classes to extra-curricular clubs. This provided a wonderful insight into what makes our school truly amazing. Please see letter from the Chair of Governors on our website.

### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Just to let new parents know that we celebrate this by participating in a series of events over the week, but we invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character on the Thursday.



Want to understand more of what your children learn about RE and faith at school? Want to be ready when they ask you questions about what you believe and why? St Matthew's Church is starting an Alpha course on Wed 27 Feb at 7.30pm and then for the following 7 Wednesdays. We realise that you may not be able to make all the sessions but why not try the first one? Alpha is a great way of exploring the big questions about life and faith in a relaxed and non-threatening way. The evenings start with some food then a short talk followed by a discussion group.

If you are interested in coming along or have any questions - please get in touch with Rev Helen Hancock on 8390 3829 or [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org).

### 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 in which to change.

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## Inconsiderate parking

The school has received complaints about parents parking across people's driveways around Kingsdown Road, Chamberlain Way and St. Matthew's Avenue. Please can we remind everyone to park considerately. Thank you

## 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.

## Malawi Day

On Monday we had a wonderful visit from Eileen Speak who organises the educational packs that we send out to our friends at Masiye School in Malawi. She showed us a short film of the pupils dancing and singing and explained how the children spend their leisure time. We also saw how some of our old St Matthew's fleeces have been put to good use as it does get surprisingly cold in Malawi at certain times of the year. This year's theme is homes and animals so the children have had a wonderful time putting together their packs and writing letters back to the children of Malawi.

As part of the many activities in the forthcoming World Book Week, the classes will be taking part in a readathon to raise money for African Vision Malawi, so please look out for this information and we thank you in advance for your support.

## Blue Contact Books



If you have a small concern about your child, please make an appointment 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. Thank you to those many parents that use this way of communicating with the staff team. It is not appropriate to phone the School Office threatening to 'take things further' when issues have not been mentioned. In the first place, this would be to the class teacher. Many thanks

## School Disco's

### Year's 3 & 4

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 7:00 - 8:30pm

### Year's 5 & 6

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:00 - 8:30pm



## The Jolly Postman's Tea Party!

Grandparents of purple and red class are invited to join them on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



## Used Stamps

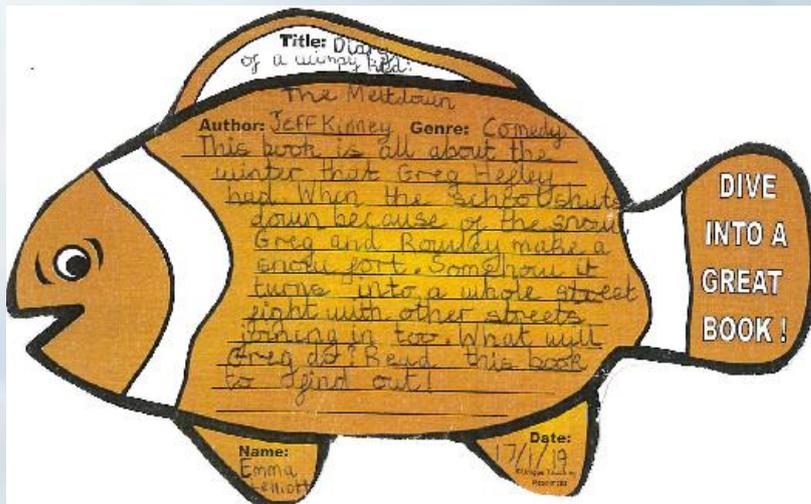


Please can you save any used postage stamps and bring them into school as we send them to Macmillan Cancer Support to raise valuable funds to help support the growing number of people living with cancer. For every kilo of stamps collected, £7.50 is paid to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please carefully cut away any excess paper, leaving approximately 1cm around the stamp when cutting off the envelope, avoiding any damage to the stamp itself. This is such an easy and brilliant way to support this amazing charity.

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We've attached two lovely examples of book recommendations- please find time to read these with your children. Thank you to Lucy and to Emma.



## School Uniform

From 5th April 2019 **PMG Schoolwear** in Chessington will be providing St Matthew's school uniform.

We have chosen PMG Schoolwear as they are local to St Matthew's, competitively priced and come highly recommended, as the established provider of School Uniform to a number of Schools in the local area.

We are also pleased to inform you that, following requests from Parents, PMG Schoolwear will be providing a **St Matthew's cardigan** as an addition/alternative to our school sweatshirt.

## Crystal Kids School Holiday Club

Crystal Kids Holiday Provision will have activities to suit all; including Arts and Crafts, Sports, Play Activities, Days out etc.

Easter school holiday:

Monday 8th April 2019 --  
Friday 12th April 2019  
8am to 5pm £36.00 per day

Summer school holiday:

Wednesday 24th July 2019 –  
Friday 2nd August 2019

8am to 5pm £36.00 per day

Parents/carers to provide a packed lunch, snacks and drinks

(No fizzy drinks or chocolate)

Please note: St Matthew's C of E Primary is a nut-free zone

Booking and payment must be made via School Gateway. Places are limited and are available on a 'First come first served basis'

