



# St Matthias School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 1  
Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another lovely week at St Matthias, filled with more brilliant, exciting learning opportunities. We have also launched our new school website, which we are very proud of. There, you will find information about how the children learn, useful websites to go to, as well as lots of photos of our school community. Please have a look when you get a chance!

We also want to say an enormous thank you to Leanna, as this is her last week at St Matthias. She has done such wonderful work with the school and has developed such incredible relationships with the children but has been offered an amazing new opportunity elsewhere. We wish her the best of luck and will miss her.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Blewett

## Celebrating

### Great behaviour

at

### Golden tea

NUR- Asmin

REC- Akex

YR1A- Aaliyah

YR2A- Noah

YR3A- Angel

YR4A- Fnot

YR4S- Amani

YR5A- Kariess

YR5S- Baah

YR6A- Acaia

If your children are not going to breakfast club, you will need to wait with your child(ren) until the gates open. If you need to drop your child(ren) before hand, you will need to pay for breakfast club which starts at 8:00am



100% Attendance

**REC, 4S & 5S**



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**Maggie Aderin-Pocock (1968)**

### Black History Month

This year the focus of our Black History Month learning and celebrations is important **Black Scientists**. In class we will be researching some of these inspirational scientists, and using our findings to fuel our writing projects. They will also feature in our Black History Month Celebration later in the month (tickets available soon). We will also celebrate a different individual in the newsletter each week. This week it is:

#### **Maggie-Aderin Pocock (1968 - )**

Born to Nigerian parents, Maggie grew up with dyslexia and the ambition of becoming an astronaut. Despite discouraging teachers, she went on to earn a BSc in Physics and a Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College London. Maggie worked on a project to probe the centre of stars billions of miles away. Maggie is passionate about inspiring young children to pursue careers in science and has presented various BBC documentaries.



**Our Black History Event is on 17th October 2019 from 3:45pm—6:00pm in the hall. Ms Henry will be selling tickets which cost £1.00.**

**PLEASE** ensure you clearly label all your child's clothes and belongings. There is a lost property box located in the front of the school. If belongings are found but are not labelled it will then be hard to locate the owner and will then be put into the lost property box for all to look through.





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### Data Collection



It is that time of year.... You will be receiving data collection sheets as of next week. PLEASE ENSURE you check the information we hold is correct. If it is correct please hand it in to the main office as it is, if it needs changing PLEASE edit the information on the sheet and hand it in to the main office.

**Please hand this back to the school office by Monday 7th October 2019 .**

### Year 6 @ Kench Hill

Year 6 had a fabulous learning experience at Kench Hill centre. The week began with a two hour coach ride to Tenterden -Kent. The children were surrounded by beautiful countryside, local farms and we were close to the East Sussex coastline. We went on adventurous river walks (many wellies were flooded), visited a animal retreat centre for rescued farm animals- were we got to feed the horses and goats. We spent hours on Camber Sands beach - building sand castles and paddling in the sea. As a class we had been learning about sustainability and climate change, whilst at Kench Hill we got get our hands dirty and pick and prepare food from the vegetable garden. We baked bread from flour, that we hand ground using a Saxon stone mill and collected eggs every morning from the pet chickens. We learnt a lot about responsibility and independence as we had to make our own beds daily and serve and clear up after every meal. Year 6 had a great time this year at Kench Hill.

