

St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9 September 2022

Latest news from school:

How brilliant to see all the children back at school and to welcome our new pupils and their families. The term has already got off to a very busy start so please check your text messages and emails to keep on top of everything that is going on!

Filming in school: Today we had a film crew into school to make a promotional film. I am sure your children will tell you all about it and once the footage has been edited we will share with you.

Building works in school: We are currently having a good deal of building works in school - this is to upgrade the school's heating system to heat source pumps and to update the lightning systems to a more eco efficient system.

Clubs: We have extended our range of clubs this term so I do hope that you will find some options that your child/ren will enjoy. Clubs start on Monday 12 September so please book up now using the google form that the office sent out.

Meet the teacher: This is a new idea and an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out about what your child/ren can expect during the course of this year. Please check your text messages for the start time and date for your child/rens class.

Library: We are installing an electronic system for borrowing library books which means that the library is currently out of action. The new system will mean that we can review the books each child is reading and keep a check on our library stock. Please can you check at home for any school library books and return them as soon as you can. If you wanted to volunteer any time to help us get the books scanned and onto the system please contact the school office.

Meet the Head Teacher and Deputy Head:

Next Friday (16th) there is an opportunity for you to come into school, share a cup of tea/coffee and meet me and Ms Martin. We would love to hear what you think about the school - which aspects are working well and where we could make adjustments. Meeting time is 8.45 - 9.30

School Parliament: Elections for our school parliament will be taking place next Friday. We will let you know which pupils have been elected to represent their class next week.

Staffing: A new Spanish teacher, Ms Eli will be starting with us this term.

Important dates:

Meet your child's class teacher:

Monday 12th September at 3.00pm Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 14th
September at 3.00pm
Year3 and 4

Thursday 15th September at 3.00pm Years 5 and 6

Friday 16th September at 3.00pm for EYFS

<u>Year 4 to Ufton Court:</u> 28 - 30 September

Harvest festival
celebration in Church
at 2.45 Friday 7
October. Everyone is
welcome.

Individual/Sibling
Photos
Tuesday 11th October

2 November 13.00 -15.30 and 16.00 -17.00

Parent consultations (more details to follow)

Ms Eli is a very experienced teacher and we are very excited for her to join the StM team!

Mr Daniel has joined us as our new sports coach

Remembrance service Friday 11 November at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome

News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?

14 - 16 November Year 4 residential to Ufton Court

Year 1:

Year 1 have had an amazing start to the year! We have been really focused in our learning and we are so grown up! We had an exciting PE lesson where we focused on our catching skills. We also became scientists and carried out our own investigation in the classroom. We discovered we have lots of different materials in Year 1!

Mr Daniel's PE

The children have made a positive start to the school year in their P.E classes. They have showcased various skills and are showing great excitement into what they will be learning over this term.

Year EYFS: The children in the EYFS have made a great start to the year getting to know each other, the rules of the classroom and their new environment. Ms Rosser, Ms Martin and Ms Ruddiman are so impressed with the way everyone has settled in!

21 -25 November Year 6 residential to Penrith

> Wednesday 7 December School Panto

Friday 9 December **School Christmas** lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 12 December Service of Thanksgiving at 2.45pm. Everyone is welcome

Tuesday 13 December EYFS Nativity at 9.00 **KS1** and **KS2** Carol service at 2.00pm Everyone is welcome

houses for our Great Fire of London display! They

Year 2: Year 2 have made some fantastic Tudor worked really hard on adding the thatched roofs and the wattle and daub walls!

Year 4:

It has been a pleasure to get to know Y4 this week and we have been working on cementing their knowledge of classroom etiquette/St-Matthias Values. I have also introduced the children to a series of lessons centred around 'Philosophy for Children'. It has been great seeing them collaborate together on this new learning.

Year 6: Year 6 have been fantastic role models as our new eldest class! Many of the class have earnt their 'bench pass' and have been awarded with a pen licence. The class went on their first trip where they took part in a workshop to learn the Y5/Y6 routine that they

Year 3: Year 3 have been exploring their new classroom and environment this week, as well as reviewing KS2 expectations. We've also enjoyed having our messages sent home via class dojo - please download the app and connect if you haven't done so already!

Year 5:	will be performing at Hackney Carnival - make sure that they're there!	
Year 5 have been writing a character description of Hercules in writing, predicting the force that gravity has on different objects in science and practising their routine in preparation for Hackney Carnival on Sunday.		

School value in focus this week: Collaboration

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.

The pupils who received collaboration badges are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jhaunyl	Ellis	Deniz	Desire	Le'Eriah	Whitney

Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

A reminder of the web address for our school YouTube Channel. There are lots of useful short clips; for example, maths strategies which we use at school.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop

Keeping Children Safe:

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our designated safeguarding lead (Ms Redman) or leadership team (Ms Martin)