



Dear Parents, children, families, friends, governors and volunteers

Everyone has been working very hard this term again. Across school and in all subjects, the children continue to make excellent progress. Our sport teams continue to thrive, competing at many sporting competitions and children are happily involved and wonderful ambassadors for our school. As the holidays approach, I would like to wish our staff and governors and our parents and children a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and hope to welcome you back into the new term restored and re-energised. Please remember that as the first Monday is an inset day, the first day back at St Matthew's school for our pupils is Tuesday 12th April.

BOOK FAIR

You bought an amazing £839.49 worth of books which meant that we earned £503.70 worth of books which were shared equally between all classes. Thank you so much for all of your support.

SPORT RELIEF

Last Friday saw the majority of pupils and staff come to school wearing their sports kit, this raised £269.74 for Sport Relief. Your donations to our charity fundraising this school year have been fantastic, once again a huge thank you to everyone.

Emergency Contact
Details

Please make sure that the school office is aware of any changes to emergency contact details. Thank you !

Governor Blog

Hello everyone

Since Christmas we have welcomed both a new associate governor Isobel MacDougall who has expertise in Early Years and Mike Smith, our vice chair, whom has decided to serve another term as a parent governor - thank you to both of them!

Apart from our normal business meeting, we have had a whole evening looking entirely at the various data sources produced by the school and outside agencies; Department of Education. Both the school and the governors use this data to monitor the attainment and progress of all our children and to also compare the schools results with the National figures. This process enables the school to identify areas for school improvement and equally areas where the school are successful.

Finally we would like to wish all of you and your children and the staff at St Matthew's a very happy Easter.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The above scheme is still open until beginning of July 2016. We would appreciate any vouchers you have which will be used for small playground equipment.

MUSIC LESSONS

Would you like your child to learn an instrument that sounds fantastic right from the first lesson? Plink Plonk harp lessons will soon be offering lessons in pairs, or for individuals during the school day. Prices start at £13.75/month for a shared lesson and rise to £27.50/month if you would prefer an individual lesson (based on ten lessons a term of fifteen minutes). No instrument needed until you are sure you like it. Small harps to play just for fun, start from £175. If you are interested in a harp suitable for grades, prices start at about £500 to buy but several companies offer rental/hire purchase schemes. If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, please email Nikki at plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM

After half term, children can wear the summer uniform. Place your orders soon for the school green polo shirts. Of course the white shirts and ties can still be worn but no more white polo shirts.

SPORTING NEWS

SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES AT SOMMERHILL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RACE



on Wednesday 23rd March fourteen children took part in the Sommerhill School cross country race. The most spectacular performance came from Kyra in the Year 5/6 girls race. Right from the start she went into 2nd place and stayed there for most of the race. Even though she lost her shoe half way round the second lap she finished in 3rd place winning St Matthew's first ever cross country medal. Another stunning performance came from Abbie in the Year 3/4 girls race. Like Kyra, right from the start she managed to position herself in the top 10 and finishing with a great sprint she gained 16th place, a remarkable performance considering she is nearly two years younger than all the other runners. All the children taking part did incredibly well and the results are as follows:

Kyra 3rd place

Year 3/4 girls , Abbie 16th

Year 3/4 boys, Luka 13th, Munashe 20th, Joe Nichol 41st, Henry 43rd, Charlie 51st,

Year 5/6 girls, Kyra 3rd, Eleanor 34th

Year 5/6 boys,

Jamie 37th, Ben 50th, Evan 59th, William 62nd, Harley 64th, Ronnie 69th

Dates for Class Assemblies

Wednesday 20.04.2016— 4 B

Wednesday 27.04.2016—4 G

Friday 06.05.2016—3 BB

Thursday 19.05.2016—5 H

Wednesday 01.06.2016—6 W

Friday 10.06.2016—4 VT

Thursday 16.06.2016—3 P

Wednesday 29.06.2016—6 TW

Friday 08.07.2016—Reception