



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends

The Summer term is going so fast with so many events happening! It is an exciting time for the children and everybody is busy practising for sports day. Over the next few days you will be informed of which class your child will be going to in September, and on Thursday 23rd July they will spend some time getting to know their new class and teacher. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Fayre tomorrow!

#### Reception starters

We were pleased to welcome our new Reception class children into the EYFS department on Thursday . The children settled well whilst parents enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee with Mrs Aspinall FLO in the community room. Mr Liddle and Miss Wright will be visiting all the new entrants in their pre schools in the next few weeks. We will look forward to welcoming all our new entrants to their second taster session next Thursday 9th July.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL SHOP IS TAKING ORDERS FOR THE NEW BOTTLE GREEN POLO SHIRTS WHICH ARE THE SUMMER UNIFORM FROM SEPTEMBER 2015.

If you would like to order bottle green polo's preferably with school logo, then please visit the school shop on Thursdays after school. The bottle green polo shirt or the white shirt and tie is the school uniform for the Summer term. Letters have been sent out via Parentmail in advance already but please feel free to contact the school office with any questions.

**KS1 sports day—9.30 am Friday 10th July**

**KS2 sports day – 9.30am Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

The children will come into school and change. Please make your way up to the field after 9.15. The children will be sitting on the far side of the running track with parents on the gate side. All the events will take place on the track. The children need to have a house colour T-Shirt, shorts, trainers or plimsolls, a sun-hat and a bottle of water. No earrings should be worn and long hair should be tied back. Suncream should be applied before school.

#### SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday, July 4th

At 12pm.

*Come and enjoy the school fayre—lots of stalls and fun games and activities for the whole family to enjoy—a perfect afternoon for a summers day!*

**THE YEAR 2 CHOIR HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SING AT THE SCHOOL FAYRE ON SATURDAY JULY 4TH AT 1:30PM. THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM THE LATEST SONGS THEY HAVE LEARNT.**

**Could choir members please meet Mrs Pallot and Mrs Lees on the field at 1:25pm.**



## SPORTING NEWS

### The Sainsbury's School Games Kitemark Award

#### WE GET GOLD!

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Schools in England are able to gain bronze, silver and gold levels of the Mark.

Last year was the first year that St Matthew's had been in a position to apply for this award and we achieved a bronze award. I have again applied this year following an amazing year of sport and I am so pleased to announce that we have been awarded a gold kitemark award, which is a huge achievement. Well done to each and every child that has represented St Matthew's this year throughout the sporting calendar, your achievements have played a big part in us gaining this award.

#### Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday 24th June an A & B team took part in the inter schools kwik cricket tournament at the Nevill Cricket Ground. The A team consisted of Ben H, Aiden, Charlie, Alfie W, Simba, Annie, Mia & Alex B. They all played really well as a team winning 4 out of 6 games and there was some superb bowling from Ben, Alex & Simba. They finished an impressive 4th place in the A league out of 12 teams. The B team consisted of Leah G, Alexia, Abigail, Alfie L, Trisdon, Samuel, Leighton & Nicholas. Again they played really well as a team and there was some excellent bowling and fielding. The team finished 7th in the B league out of 12 teams.

#### Change 4 Life Festival

On Thursday 25th June, St Matthew's School was chosen to represent the Tunbridge Wells area in the Change 4 life Festival in Gillingham. Ten children from our 'Zoom Club' were taken and great fun was had by all. They took part in lots of fun activities and also learnt a lot about leading a healthier lifestyle.

#### Tonbridge School Community Day



On Wednesday 1st July the whole of Year 6 attended a community day held at Tonbridge School. There were 20 other schools there and the children were allowed to take part in 3 activities throughout the day ranging from sport to art to dance to modern languages. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to take advantage of the amazing facilities the school offers and they all had a fantastic day, even though it was an incredibly hot day.

#### House Captains

Year 5 are currently handing in their nomination forms for House Captains and prefects. The Year 5s will then vote alongside the adults in school to select our House Captains and Prefects for next year.

#### Year 6 Leavers Service

Revised date: This will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** at 2pm in St Matthew's Church

#### Year 6 Production

Parents are invited to the Year 6 Play production at 7pm on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July



**Free School Meals—As we are nearing the end of the school year, we would like to remind parents/carers that they will need to re-apply for their child's entitlement for free school meals as appropriate. This should be done as soon as possible to avoid a delay in any entitlement for September 2015.**

**AEROSOL PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY RESULTS**

Some members of the St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School community suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a severe migraine in a sensitive individual. The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put a student into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol can has been used anywhere in the student's vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the student being transported to hospital in an ambulance.

- Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces.
- Students are encouraged to follow correct hygiene procedures by applying deodorant at home after showering: a good deodorant will last all day if applied to clean skin before dressing

Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school

**Let's Help to Create an Asthma Friendly school. This means that everyone needs to be aware of their own:**

- right to a safe learning environment
- responsibility for the health and safety of others in their shared spaces

**Remember: No student is to use or bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to school.**

Teachers have been asked to confiscate any aerosol products found at school. Parents will be informed that the products have been collected from their son or daughter and that they can call into the school and collect the product. Further infringements will be dealt with through the discipline system.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of others.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF ART WORK WHICH PUPILS SUBMITTED, THE CHOSEN DESIGNS FOR THE COVER OF THE SUMMER FAYRE PROGRAMMES THIS YEAR. WERE BY SAARAH-4G AND JONATHAN-1CD.

THE PRIZES WERE HANDED TO THEM BY THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER TODAY! THANK YOU FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS.

**Have fun, be motivated, be supported and be healthier**

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are running a Weight For It programme in St Matthew's Church Hall, High Brooms Road. The programme will run for 10 weeks on Wednesdays, starting 15.07.15, from 6.30 - 8pm.



### Minute silence

**We send our condolences to the families and loved ones of the bereaved, and we will continue to do all that we can to continually promoting a peaceful and tolerant society.**

### MUSIC LESSONS

Letters have gone out in children's book bags after the assembly introducing music instruments—violin, viola and piano. Should your child be interested in learning an instrument— please return the response slip on the letter that was recently sent out by Mrs Brierley.

As we are facing a heat wave can I remind parents to make sure the children have had sun cream applied before they come to school. Also sun hats would be recommended and to make sure they bring their water bottles. Opportunities to top up the bottles will be made possible and encouraged throughout the day. The school uniform will also be relaxed for the children during the school day to make them as comfortable as possible.

### Prospectus / Web site

Our school Prospectus is at it's last stage and will soon be available for parents. It is an exciting booklet that provides you with a feeling what our school St Matthew's is all about. A new website is under construction and will be launched in September.

### School Lunches

Please ensure that you are keeping up to date with payments for school meals. The school meals service is no different than any other business and the meals must be paid for by someone. We cannot take children to a restaurant and expect them to be given food without paying, yet a minority of parents expect free food in school.

The Free School Meals system is there for parents who cannot afford school meals, there should be no excuses. Applying for Free School Meals is straight forward and parents can apply online, assuming eligibility is authorised the child can take a free school meal the following school day.

Many thanks for your help.