

St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

Welcome back to all the children and a very special welcome to those children who have joined us in Reception and across the school. Already, they have become part of the school and we are looking forward to getting to know the children and their families better. Our exciting news for this term was receiving the Ofsted report after their inspection visit in the last week of the Summer Term. It was a long wait for the report but we were absolutely delighted with the Inspector's comments and judgement, that 'the leadership team have maintained the good quality of education in the school'.



Year 2 are working out how to count a large number of straws

Staff

Please contact the school if you have any enquiries and to report absences: 01892 528098

Office: Mrs Lewis, Mrs Heittrich, Mrs Brown, Mrs Buckwell

FLO: Mrs Aspinall

SENCo: Miss Lumley

Deputy Heads: Mr Hardwick & Mrs Pollard

Headteacher: Mrs Hayward

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all those parents who have come to the meet the teacher sessions so far. It is a great opportunity for the teachers to introduce themselves and to let you know what plans they have for the year group.



Year 3 learning all about shadows.



Reception

Our youngest children in Goslings and Duckilings have settled in extremely well and already been exploring all the activities on offer.

They have been making new friends and sharing their interests with the teachers and teaching assistants.

Home visits have been taking place which the children love, and for us, it helps us to get to know the children really well. We are very grateful to have this opportunity.



Teachers

Yr R—Mrs Hibbett & Mrs Cheesman, Mrs Aspinall

Yr 1—Mrs Phillips, Mrs Salmon & Mrs Butcher

Yr 2—Mr Hardwick & Mrs Crabb, Mrs Boyages & Mrs Staples

Yr 3—Mrs Brown & Mrs Deacon, Mrs Prideaux,

Yr 4—Mr Donovan, Mrs Claro & Mrs Davies

Yr 5—Mrs Tibbits-Williams & Mrs Pollard, Miss Shears & Mrs Eeles

Yr 6—Mrs Howden, Miss Osborne, Mrs Walters,

Sporting News

Our clubs have started back up this term and we have already seen enthusiastic children running around the playground chasing balls and showing off their attacking and defending skills.

Year 4 have started swimming and Mr Donovan is looking forward to seeing them improve over the next few months.

We have received our new school football kit, which looks great and the football team have their first competition this week.



Early Start Club

Early Start club now starts at 8:00am. The gate will be opened at 7:57am, when children can be taken to the new hall where staff will greet them. The office staff will not be opening the gate earlier if buzzed, and parents/carers must wait until the Early start staff open the hall door.

If anyone would like to take the opportunity to use the club, please collect a form from the school office.

House Captains

Our House Captains and Prefects have been presented with their badges and we are looking forward to them doing a great job.

Ridgewaye:

Captain – Kyle

Prefects – James, Jessica

Brokes:

Captain – Florence

Prefects – Tabitha, Olivia

Barnetts

Captain –Dominic

Prefects – Erin, Ella

Powder Mill

Captain – Lottie

Prefects – Matthew, Tinashe

Secondary Schools

Year 6 parents will need to fill in the Secondary School Application form by the 31st October with up to 4 choices of secondary schools . Many secondary schools are holding open days and evenings at this time of year and it is well worth a visit to those you may be interested in.

The form is filled in online at

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

If you require any assistance in filling in the form, please ask for Mrs Aspinall in the office.

School Census

On Thursday 4th October, a school census takes place across all schools and in particular, funding for school meals is based on the numbers that eat a school meal that day. Independent, our meals provider are putting on a special menu that day and lots of staff are joining the children to eat with them that day. All KS1 children will be offered a meal that day. All KS1 are entitled to Free School Meals and Mrs Aspinall, our FLO, based in the office, is happy to help families apply for Free School Meals.

The special Menu is: Burger and Chips, Pizza and Chips, Macaroni and Cheese, Jacket Potatoes with a selection of fillings and with all choices there is the salad bar to select from.

Puddings are double chocolate chip muffin, fruit or yogurt



Uniform

Our children are looking very smart in their uniform, although we have had children needing to borrow PE kit.
The children should keep their PE kit in school all week.

- School green sweatshirt or school green cardigan with school logo
- White shirt/blouse, short or long sleeve with tie collar
- Gold tie (EYFS and KS1), House colour tie (KS2)
- Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore dress
- White or grey socks, grey or bottle green tights
- Flat plain black school shoes (no boots or trainers)
- Plain green shorts (green joggers in colder weather), a house colour T-Shirt and plimsolls or preferably trainers for P.E in a named drawstring bag
- Plain Hair bands should be worn with no large hair accessories
- Plain stud earrings that can be removed for PE
- In Year R- 1 children are required to bring in a book bag
- In Year 2-6 are required to bring in a rucksack. Handbags are not allowed



Summer dresses and the school green polo shirt can be worn until the Half Term Holiday.

There are a few children who have the remains of hair dye from the Summer. We would like to remind you that this is not acceptable. If it is still visible after two weeks, it is clearly not a wash in/out dye.

Dates for your diary:

- Mon 3rd September – INSET day
- Thurs 6th September – Kent Test (11+)
- Wed 12th September – Yr 3 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Thurs 13th September – Yr 1 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Fri 14th September – Yr 6 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Mon 17th September – Yr 5 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Tues 18th September – Yr 4 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Wed 19th September – Yr 2 Meet the teacher 2.50pm
- Wed 26th September – Yr 6 Residential Meeting 6:00pm
- Fri 28th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Tues 2nd October – Harvest at St Matthew's Church
- Thurs 4th October – Census Day - Eat with your teacher
- Fri 5th October – 6W Class worship 9:00am
- Wed 10th October – Lorikeets class worship 9:00am
- Wed 17th October – 6O class worship 9:00am
- Mon 22nd October – Fri 26th October – Half Term
- Wed 31st October – application deadline for secondary schools
- Fri 2nd November - 6H class worship 9:00am
- Tues 6th November – Parent Consultations
- Thurs 8th November - Parent Consultations
- Tues 14th November – Kookaburras Class Worship 9.00am
- Tues 11th December – EYFS Nativity to parents 2pm
- Wed 12th December – KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm
- Thurs 13th December – KS1 Nativity to parents 9:30am
- Fri 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Mon 17th December – Christmas Carol Service 1:50pm & 7pm at St Matthew's Church



Year 6 learning how to draw with 2 point perspective. The children have had to think about their shading for each face and the creation of texture on the strike face.



Year 4 investigating the melting point of butter.