

Headteacher Highlights

18th September 2020



WHAT A FANTASTIC WEEK!

It has been a great week in school and I am slowly getting to know everyone. I am really pleased to say that I am very impressed by how happy the children are coming into school and the enthusiasm that they are demonstrating in both in class and in the playground. They are now settled into the new routines and the different ways of working and I am really proud of them!

It is not just the pupils that I am very proud of. The staff here at St Matthew's are fantastic and I can already see what a great team of people that are. They have made me feel so welcome and have really helped me settled in. The pastoral support for the pupils here is superb and that is coming from someone with experience in a number of schools!

Each Wednesday I teach in Miss Marsh's class and this is becoming one of my favourite times of the week! We explore a text and do some comprehension work and also have Class Worship. This week we explored our Christian value of Respect and I was so impressed of how well they could articulate how that can demonstrate this. They had a really clear understanding and I have also seen this across the school at break and lunchtimes. You should all be very proud of your children!

Please see separate email about the zebra crossing.

Next week Reception pupils are in school from 8.50am until 12.30pm and children will stay for lunch Mon/Tues/Weds and will stay all day Thurs/Fri.

**NEXT THURSDAY FOREST SCHOOL
3TWP**

**Y6 Secondary Transfer Zoom meetings
Tuesday 6pm/Thursday 11am.**

HEALTHY EATING

We are going to be doing a whole school focus on healthy eating and will be looking to kick this off next week. We are looking for your help with this and would ask that you reflect this message in your child's lunchbox choices. This will also be a good opportunity to have a discussion about healthy eating at home.

Here are some websites with some ideas:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/healthy-lunchbox-ideas-kids>

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please see the attached leaflet from Independent Catering detailing the nutritionally balanced meals on offer

Our Christian value for next week



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.....

YR	The staff have been so impressed with how well the children are coming in independently! They have enjoyed making friends and have enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen!
Y1	Pupils have been spending time on their tricky words, doing lots of counting and talking about their emotions. Staff have been so pleased to see how kind they are to each other!
Y2	Y2 have been enjoying their book 'The Lonely Beast' and have been acting out the beast's journey. They have also enjoyed the Creation story in RE.
Y3	Pupils had the pleasure of taking a virtual tour of Trafalgar Square linked to their book 'Claude in the City.' Staff have also been working on positive playtimes with the children.
Y4	4O had a fantastic time during Forest School and demonstrated brilliant team work! All of Y4 have been brilliant at rounding numbers.
Y5	Staff have been very impressed with the excellent Mathematicians in Y5. Pupils have also been learning about influential Greeks including Pythagoras and Archimedes. Well done for reading at home Y5!
Y6	Y6 have been very engaged in their Maths work this week looking at place value, They have also produced some interesting art work, mark making with pencils, inspired by Vincent Van Gough's landscapes.

MONDAYS

5S
Kookaburras
Lorikeets

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
5D

WEDNESDAYS

3TWP
3DB
4M
Owls

THURSDAYS

6H
6W
4O
3TWP

FRIDAYS

4M
4O
Kookaburras
Lorikeets

Honesty, Kindness
Respect and Responsibility