

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



6th November 2020

Welcome back!

It is lovely to see everyone back following the rather wet half term! However, it was nice to have a break and spend some time relaxing with family.

Following the announcement of a second lockdown, we continue to follow all national and local guidance. Thank you for your support in making our school as safe as we can by wearing masks when on site. In order that staff and pupils can remain as safe as possible, it is also important that you follow the new guidelines outside school too. I have attached a handy leaflet that clearly explains the new guidance.

Applications for Reception places for September 2021 have opened and can be submitted at <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

Even if you already a child attending our school, you still need to complete the online application. The deadline is 15th January 2021.

If you have any friends or relatives locally who are looking for a place, please direct them to our website to see the fantastic video, showcasing the school. A huge thanks to Mr Cheesman www.nickcheesman.com for doing such a wonderful job! There has been lots of positive feedback from local Facebook groups that we have shared the video on! ©

<https://st-matthews-school.org/our-school/admissions>

Please see the attached leaflet from the Community Larder which provides an opportunity for anyone in the community to access food at a hugely reduced price. It will be available each Friday at Bethel Hall from 10.30am-12.15pm.

NEXT WEEK

As we are keeping the classrooms well ventilated, as COVID guidance dictates, children may bring in a hoodie to wear inside to prevent them from feeling cold.



Next Friday is Children in Need and the theme is 'Five to Thrive' inspired by Joe Wicks. We are asking the children to come in sports kits as they will be participating in Joe Wicks Sports activities during the day. To avoid staff handling money, we are asking for parents to make a donation directly to

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/your-donation>

Further details will be sent out next week.

Deposits for the Y6 residential are due by 27th!

TERM DATES

TERM 2 ENDS ON FRIDAY 18th DEC

TERM 3 BEGINS ON TUESDAY 5th JAN

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE FOR NEXT WEEK

RESPECT

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.



School News

YR	We have had a great week in the sunshine and have really enjoyed our new book 'Supertato'. The children used their phonic knowledge to sound out who might help the vegetables in the story. Mrs Phillips was very impressed and awarded some Headteacher awards!
Y1	We received a lovely gift in the post of 'The Jolly Postman' book. The children have enjoyed learning about the characters in the story through challenges such as designing Cinderella/Prince Charming an outfit for the ball, making stick puppets and sharing traditional tales with a friend.
Y2	What a stunning start to the term! We have started reading 'The Princess and the White Bear King.' We made our own crowns, took part in some drama and wrote some diary entries in the role of the Princess. Kookaburra Class had an amazing time at Forest School with Mr G!
Y3	We have been reminding themselves about the history behind Bonfire Night in readiness for last night. They have also been introduced to our new book 'Robot and the Bluebird.' We have also spent time revising our number bonds to help add two and three digit numbers correctly.
Y4	We were very impressed with the pupils during a debate about habitats and environments this week. The children demonstrated superb intelligence and conducted themselves in such a sensible manner! Mrs Phillips was very impressed with the children during her Act of Worship on Wednesday on the theme of remembrance.
Y5	We have continued to study the tale of Odysseus, considering some of the difficult decisions that he had to make on his journey and also designing a map of his route to help summarise the whole journey. In art, we created stunning close-up pictures of the dragon Scylla's eye.
Y6	We have also started a new class text and are investigating the characters using clues to help us infer about who they are and what they are like. We are looking forward to finding out more as we delve further into the book. In science we have designed a new creature thinking specifically about its characteristics and which animal group it would fit into.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

MONDAYS

Kookaburras
Lorikeets
Ducklings
Goslings

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
5D

WEDNESDAY

3TWP
3DB
4M
Owls

THURSDAY

6W
4O + 4M
3TWP

FRIDAY

6H
4O
Kookaburras
Lorikeets

FOREST SCHOOLS (THURSDAY)

4O