

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



5th February 2021

Thank you!

I just want to say a huge thank you to all of you for doing such a magnificent job of juggling work, small children and home learning. After five weeks, I appreciate that things are difficult for some of you, yet we are all so very grateful for all of your efforts to keep the learning going as best you can for the children. We understand the challenges that some of you are facing and how hard you are working to manage them and want you to know that your endeavours are very much recognised by all staff. Just one more week until half term! Keep going... we can do this! If there is anything we can do to help, let us know. We still have a couple of laptops available for children to use at home.

In addition, I have attached a leaflet with an embedded link to register for a FREE webinar next Wednesday at 5pm. This is for anyone involved in remote learning and is for teachers, teaching assistants and parents. If you know of anyone else that might benefit from it- do share the leaflet. I have done some work with this company before and have found it useful.

I know that lots of you have been enjoying the music lessons prepared by Mrs Morton each week, the staff and children in school have too! We have applied for the Music Mark to acknowledge the great music education that happens at St Matthew's. We received a lovely email from Kent Music congratulating Mrs Morton and the staff on the excellent provision here, both pre pandemic and during lockdown. Well done everyone!

Next Week.

As you know we have one more week then it is the end of term 3 and we have the half term week. Obviously there will be no remote learning during that week and it will resume on Monday 22nd February. By then we should know more about when all pupils will be returning to school, however we know it will not be before 8th March.

There will be an opportunity for parents from Reception through to Y5 to come and collect a further pack next week. Y6 have everything they need so will not require anything further. The pick-up will work in the same way as before, with parents collecting packs from the side door to the new hall. The packs will be available next Thursday and Friday and time slots will sent out next week.

TERM 3 ENDS FRIDAY 12TH FEB



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	Another super week with the children at home working so hard and those at school using their growth mindset and trying new challenges! We learnt about healthy foods and made our own sandwiches using healthy, fresh ingredients. One child exclaimed 'Mine is so yummy, I can't stop eating it!' Another stated 'I haven't tried brown bread before and I love it!'
Y1	Y1 have been learning about how the Great Fire of London spread and how it was put out. The buildings were so close together the fire fighters pulled houses down to stop the spread. They had to fill buckets as they didn't have big fire engines like we do nowadays.
Y2	Y2 have been doing some amazing Maths work learning division and multiplication facts and using these to solve word problems. We have really enjoyed listening to different pieces of classical music and learning about the instruments in an orchestra. Singing is also something we have enjoyed this week and we have been learning some new songs.
Y3	This week Y3 have moved on to the 8x tables! We are getting very clever at using what we know to work out what we don't know YET! We have continued our work on the BFG, creatively making settings, using what we could find at home. For example Weetabix for dormitory beds and marshmallows for pillows. Today we made a giant cookie for the BFG!
Y4	The pupils working in school have written an amazing piece of descriptive writing about Space Bat Angel Dragon. They have worked hard on their presentation ready to edit and publish. The children learning at home enjoyed bringing their pets/cuddly toys to the Teams session today!
Y5	Y5 have been working extremely hard both at home and in school. In Literacy, we have been practising our skills of persuasion and have found that many of us can be very persuasive when we want to be! In Art, we have drawn our hands using lines to show depth and form.
Y6	Our highlight was making a Scratch game following a coding lesson with Mrs Pollard. We had lots of fun and the games were very challenging (for the teachers!). We have continued to develop our precise writing skills and have also learnt how to multiply fractions! Phew- what a busy week!

School lunches

MONDAY

Beef bolognaise 1

Veg chilli + rice

TUESDAY

Jerk chicken + rice

Veg lasagne 1, 9, 10

WEDNESDAY

Roast pork + roast potatoes

Cheese and tomato pinwheel 1, 9

THURSDAY

Sausage pasta bake 1,8

Jacket potato with cheese/beans/ tuna mayo 9, 4

FRIDAY

Breaded fish + chips

Quorn dipper + chips