

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## BACK TOGETHER AT LAST!

I cannot tell you how lovely it is to have all of the children back in school this week! The school feels so 'alive' and to hear the laughter of the children and to see them playing together in the playground has been so uplifting for everyone.

The children have been telling us what they missed whilst they were learning at home. Obviously seeing their friends was top of the list, but Mrs Hookway's PE lessons were very much missed too!

We joined together as a school community for worship yesterday on TEAMS. Who would have thought that worship would be conducted in this way? However, needs must at the moment. It was lovely to see everyone together, albeit on a screen! We talked about love and how we love being back at school, different types of love and what Jesus said about love in the Bible. We have seen some lovely examples of pupils and staff showing love to each other in their acts of kindness and have talked to the children about keeping this going as we go through Lent.

We have welcomed nine new pupils to St Matthew's this week and we have been so impressed with how well they have settled in and how welcoming the children in each class have been. It demonstrates that St Matthew's love we talked about!

Thank you again to Rebecca Smith for buying and planting the flowers in the planters at the front of the school. It has really brightened it up out there and makes me smile every time I walk past!

## NEXT WEEK

Next Friday we shall be supporting Red Nose Day. The theme is 'Superheroes', so pupils are invited to come dressed as their favourite superhero. They can also come in wearing red or wearing Red Nose T shirts. As Comic Relief supports community projects, instead of collecting money, we are asking for donations for the Community Larder. They have asked for the following items:

Jam	Biscuits
Marmite	Tins of tuna
Rice	Gravy granules
Pasta (especially spaghetti)	Drinking chocolate
Small packs of tea bags	Bottles of squash
Small jars of coffee	Baked beans
	Noodles

Thank you in advance for your donations!

**TERM 4 ENDS ON WEDS 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**INSET DAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**



**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

<b>YR</b>	We are so happy to see everyone back in school! The children have been sharing, kind and caring towards each other which has been lovely to see. We have been focusing on maths this week looking at 2D and 3D shape and we have seen how different shapes can be combined to make new shapes and also tried to complete the tangram puzzle. We have planted special bulbs to give to our mums and carers.
<b>Y1</b>	It was lovely to see all children back in school! This week we read the story 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew which looks at the famous London landmarks. In Discovery, we made our own bridges out of box construction and we wrote about the famous sights we would like to see in London.
<b>Y2</b>	We have started learning about poetry this week with a focus on the wonderful Michael Rosen. We have learnt about different types of poem and enjoyed listening to, reading and performing poems. In PHSE we are learning about our school community and how we can make it a happy place.
<b>Y3</b>	It has been wonderful to have all the Y3 children back in school! We have started our learning journey about the Ancient Maya and had a super afternoon making colourful Mayan masks. We are also busy learning to measure using centimetres and millimetres.
<b>Y4</b>	Y4 have settled back in really well. We are so proud of them all! This week we spoke about kind words and used ideas from 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charles Mackesy to inspire us to write our own 'kind words' quotes. They were really touching and thoughtful.
<b>Y5</b>	We have loved being back, learning and spending time with friends. We have continued our work on The Borrowers, spent time revisiting fractions and enjoyed Mr Tibbit-Williams' expertise when learning about continuous line drawing. 5D had a wonderful time at Forest School.
<b>Y6</b>	It's been great to all see each other and we have enjoyed the extra outdoor socialising we have had! We have investigated pentominoes, learnt more about Mary Anning and sketched the fossil of the ichthyosaur that she discovered.

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

### MONDAYS

5S  
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)

5S