

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



23rd APRIL 2021

WELCOME BACK!

It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday after a lovely Easter break. Now that the lockdown restrictions have eased a little, it was fabulous to spend time with family and friends and to be able to go further afield! I enjoyed a lovely afternoon in Whitstable, eating fish and chips on the beach!

There has been some lovely feedback from people about our school this week. A specialist teacher from KCC came to observe a pupil and he praised the support that the child received from the teaching assistant and described it as 'masterclass'. He suggested that when restrictions ease further that TAs from other schools should come and observe her! There was also a review meeting for one of our pupils and both the parent and the SEN officer from KCC were so appreciative of the support received from St Matthew's and the work put in by staff. It's lovely to see people from outside of our school community recognise the hard work of staff and the positive impact on our children!

This week in our acts of worship, we have been thinking about what we are grateful for. I was really touched to hear Hannah T in Y4 say that Hannah W and Hazel brought light in the darkness, just like Jesus!

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week, however it has still been quite cold at times, so please ensure that coats are still brought into school please!

NEXT WEEK

In school we are now working in year group bubbles, which means that children from both classes in the year groups can have interventions together. This will include targeted teaching in different groups, so your child may be taught by another adult within that year group bubble. This will provide planned support at the right level to ensure that pupils can make progress quickly. It will also mean that the children will be able to play as one group in the playground.

There are lots of positives of working in this way and it increases our flexibility in what we can provide for the children. It does, however, mean that should we have a confirmed COVID case, we will have to close the entire year group and ask them to isolate. I have everything crossed that this doesn't happen!

Enjoy the weekend ☺

TERM 5 ENDS ON 28th MAY

BANK HOLIDAY 3rd MAY



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 been outside enjoying the sunshine and focusing on our new book 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. We have dug for worms outside and looked at them using a microscope! We have been writing sentences about what we already know and what we want to find out. We are also watching caterpillars develop and we have tadpoles!
Y1	We found a mysterious egg on our return to school with a letter from a dragon, asking for us to look after it. The dragon also gave us clues about what it looks like and we have used these to write descriptions.
Y2	We have started a new book this week called 'Traction Man!' We are using our imagination to create adventures for Traction Man and have been using our voices to make dramatic voice overs. In science, we are studying plants so we have planted a bean in a cup and some cress on wool. We look forward to seeing them grow.
Y3	In Y3 we have had a super start beginning an art project based on our new text 'Leaf.' We have loved finding out fascinating facts about polar bears like the one in our story. Did you know that they can grow to eight feet tall?
Y4	Y4 have come back to school after the Easter holidays eager to learn! This week, we discovered how the Romans used the moon to help them work out a calendar! We are currently recording a moon diary.
Y5	Y5 have settled back in well this week. In English lessons we have been studying graphic novels, creating our own based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We researched the life cycle of ducks and had our first, excited look at the eggs that have recently arrived in school. We also took cuttings of a fuchsia to see if we could grow our own plants.
Y6	Y6 have been learning the rules of algebra in maths and have researched an ancestor's country of origin using an atlas and Internet research. We researched our family trees and some of us went back to the 1800s! In English, we have been reviewing our knowledge of sentence structure and word classes. We have chosen an object that is special to us and thought about very precise language to describe it.

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)

3TWP