

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



30th APRIL 2021

## MOVING FORWARD.....

This week has seen some small changes in school that show that things are slowly getting back to some sense of normality. The children have been able to play with friends in the other class in their year group for the first time in Y1-Y6! It's a small change, but the children have really enjoyed mixing in their year group bubbles.

We have also changed the number of sittings in the lunch hall to increase the amount of children who can eat lunch as normal, rather than a pot lunch in the classroom. This is on a rota system so it won't be every day for all pupils. Reception children will continue to eat in the hall each day.

We have employed Mrs Bennetto as a teaching assistant in Goslings Class. This is to replace Miss Huskisson, who is completing a teacher training placement at Speldhurst Primary School for the remainder of the academic year. We welcome Mrs Bennetto and all the experience she brings from working as a TA in another school. We also wish Miss Huskisson all the best for her placement.

In our acts of worship this week we have been thinking of how people bring the Gospels to the nation and have been looking at the work of the Salvation Army. You can view the link we watched at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcvm\\_XPnSal](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcvm_XPnSal)

The weather is quite a mixed bag at the moment, so please ensure that coats are still brought into school everyday, along with water bottles!

## NEXT WEEK

Due to the lockdown and shops being closed, we relaxed our uniform rules to accommodate the difficulties that parents were having purchasing items. As shops have now been open for nearly three weeks, from next week I expect to see children in their correct uniform, including wearing school shoes unless it is a PE day. On days when children have PE, they may continue to wear their school PE kit to school. This includes wearing a school jumper. Y6 pupils may wear their Leavers' hoodies. Football tops/non uniform T shirts/hoodies are not to be worn. For a full list of what pupils can wear, please go to <https://st-matthews-school.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Our-School-Uniform.pdf>

Enjoy the long weekend ☺

**TERM 5 ENDS ON 28<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**BANK HOLIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>YR</b>	We are continuing with our story "Yucky worms". We have found out information about worms and tried to write in simple sentences using our phonic knowledge. Some children have written some amazing signs for our outside area to show where our new areas for play and learning are and to help us remember to respect our toys and the environment.
<b>Y1</b>	In Maths, we have been investigating making equal groups of 2, 5 and 10 using lots of different objects. We have used repeated addition to find out how many we have altogether. We then found lots of arrays around the classroom, and tried making our own arrays using classroom resources.
<b>Y2</b>	Y2 have been enjoying our Science work on plants. We went on a walk and recorded the wildflowers we saw and tried to identify them. We made careful observations and drew some of the flowers we found. We have also been recording the growth (or not) of our broad bean seeds.
<b>Y3</b>	This week we have been learning editing skills whilst working our Polar Bear factual writing in English. They have also been discussing what makes a good Kingdom and a good ruler in RE and we have continued to work on our Art project based on our class book 'Leaf' by Sandra Deickmann.
<b>Y4</b>	We have been carrying out research all about 'Why do Fishermen fish at night?' like the father in our book. We have found out some really interesting reasons for why. We have also been discovering lots about the Roman Army and their shield designs, ready to make our own!
<b>Y5</b>	We have been very busy this week! In English, we wrote a letter linked to our class text 'Tom's Midnight Garden.' We have continued with fractions in Maths and in History we sorted pictures into different periods. We have now finished our Art project with Mr Tibbets Williams with some amazing results!
<b>Y6</b>	We have been investigating how light travels in straight lines in Science. We have also continued to develop our algebra skills by solving some tricky two step equations! In English we have acted as secretaries for partners and taken turns to dictate a letter 'in role' as a character from our text 'The Matchbox Diary.' We have also discussed how to keep safe when walking to and from school.

## 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)

3DB