

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 8th^t October 2021

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for all of the donations to the Community Larder for our Harvest Celebration on Wednesday. We had boxes and boxes of food that were collected yesterday. Jan from the Community Larder was SO grateful for your generosity and this will help many families in our local community.

In our Harvest Celebration, we came together on screen rather than in person due to the current circumstances. It was still lovely to join together as a school community and give thanks for all we have. We talked about the importance of plants and how they contribute to our lives in hidden ways. For example wood to build houses, plant material in petrol not to mention in the food we eat. We also related this to our award winning garden and all of the dedication shown by staff and pupils in caring for it.

I want to say a HUGE thank you to all parents and staff this week. As you know we have had an increasing number of COVID cases over the last few weeks that has impacted both on families and school. Pupils and staff have been affected. Thank you to parents for being responsible and ensuring that pupils are having a PCR test if they have any symptoms and informing us of the result. Where siblings have isolated due to Covid in the household, this has meant that school is a safer place to be, so thank you!

The staff have been amazing too, dealing with difficult circumstances due to increased adult absence in school. The St Matthew's team spirit has been SO evident with everyone pulling together to help each other!

NEXT WEEK

We are now collecting for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal organised by the Rotary Club. These will be set to children in Romania and Ukraine. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please send them in by Friday 22nd October:

Toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, baby wipes, baby oil, small books, notepads, plasticine, pencil cases, toys, games (nothing that needs a battery), skipping ropes, gloves, scarves, hats, combs, mirrors, socks, soft toys, soaps, sponges, flannels and hair decorations.

By donating these items, we are really living out our Christian value of 'Kindness' and it will make a real difference to a child's Christmas.

Our Open Afternoons for the September 2022 intake have now been organised. They will take place on 21st Oct, 2nd, 15th and 23rd November. Places must be booked in advance by calling the office.

TERM 1 ENDS ON 22nd OCTOBER



Dylan is very proud of his work with Mrs Odell!

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 enjoying the warmer weather and have been tidying our garden. We have gathered the sunflower seeds from the old flowers and saved them ready to plant in the spring. We learnt about harvest in Malawi too!
Y1	This week we have travelled with the Jolly Postman to visit Jack and the Beanstalk. We imagined what Jack would see from the top of the beanstalk and drew maps of Fairy Tale Land. We carefully picked up 'magic beans' using tweezers and counted them into Numicon shapes. We built some great models of the giant's castle too!
Y2	We have had a focus on drama this week in English. We have hot-seated a disgruntled resident who didn't like the Lonely Beast living in the park. We have also had a conscience alley for the Mayor to decide where the Beast should live and we role-played being reporters interviewing the Beast. In Geography we have learnt about the oceans of the world, where they are and what they are called.
Y3	In Science, we thought of enquiry questions about what plants require to grow and some people took seeds home to plant. We wonder if the cress could be eaten in a sandwich! We visited the ICT Suite and had an exciting time using Google Earth to find European countries and their capital cities.
Y4	Y4 have enjoyed learning about the features of instructions. We laughed so much when Miss Ravilious and Miss Marsh tried to make jam sandwiches and got it wrong, using our advice!
Y5	Y5 have produced some excellent writing this week, retelling the story of Phileas Fogg travelling through the jungle in India. In our Science lesson, we found out more about the planets that make up our solar system and the order in which they orbit the sun.
Y6	We have been very busy practising our written methods for multiplication and writing descriptive paragraphs about Cirque du Soleil using powerful, precise vocabulary. We have also learnt how to use a 6 point compass and with Mr Tibbits-Williams, we have started to construct our collage pieces. In RE, we have been considering the effect of the message in Psalm 8 on Christian behaviour towards the world.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAYS

5S
5D

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAYS

3TWP
3DB
Kookaburras
Lorikeets
6H
6W

THURSDAYS

3TWP
4R
4M
Kookaburras

Lorikeets

FRIDAYS

Ducklings
Goslings
4M/4R
Owls
Robins

**NO FOREST SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK**

HONESTY • RESPECT • KINDNESS • RESPONSIBILITY