

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 5th November 2021

Welcome to Mrs Atherton!

As you know, we said farewell to Mrs Odell at the end of last term. She has asked me to pass on the following message to you....

To all the parents and children at St. Matthew's.

Thank you so much for the very generous gifts and cards you kindly gave me.

I would like to say what a privilege it has been to work with your children. We have shared tears together, laughed together, I will miss them dearly.

Yours truly,
Sue Odell

We welcomed Mrs Atherton, who will be working with children in the coming weeks. She has enjoyed slowly getting to know everyone and is planning her time carefully.

On Tuesday afternoon, several families came to our open afternoon and Lara, Annabel and Olivia from Y6 did an amazing job as tour guides. Olivia explained to a parent that 'the staff here work very hard so that no-one gets left behind.' I was so proud to hear a child say that!

This week, our staff meeting was about developing resilience in children. This is something that we have noticed is an issue for some pupils since lockdown. A helpful video about this can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z eu9X88g8DE>

Poppies and reflectors are available in the classrooms to support the Royal British Legion. A suggested donation for poppies is 20p and 50p for the reflectors.

NEXT WEEK

You should have received a TEAMS invitation for a consultation with your child's teacher. Please can you ensure that you attend the appointment on time as teachers have many appointments to fit in.

There will be two phonics sessions for parents of EYFS children on Thursday in the new hall. These will take place at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Staff will be introducing you to our phonics scheme and giving suggestions of ways you can help your child.

Can I please remind you that children should now be wearing their winter uniform as the weather is getting colder. Shirts and ties are to be worn rather than polo shirts and summer dresses. Long hair should be worn tied back and large bows are not permitted.

Good luck to the girls' basketball team who are competing on Wednesday!

TERM 2 ENDS ON 17th DECEMBER



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 started to look at a new book about vegetables and we have been continuing with our daily phonics sessions. We are really looking forward to seeing parents next Thursday (2.30/6.00pm) to tell them more about it. We have also been learning about Diwali and have made diva lamps.
Y1	This week we have travelled back in time with the Jolly Postman to find out how postal delivery has changed over time. We made our own timelines sequencing events. We found out about a post carriage that was attacked by an escaped lion long ago! We then wrote all about it.
Y2	Y2 have started the term off with a bang! We have learnt about the history behind bonfire night, who Guy Fawkes was and what he tried to do. We then made some amazing rockets and fantastic firework paintings. We have also started our new book- The Princess and the White Bear King. We have thought about questions we would ask the Princess and have written a diary entry.
Y3	We have been learning about how historians find out about the past and creating a timeline, from the dinosaurs through to the pandemic! We heard the story of how Vikings believe the world was created and collaged some pictures.
Y4	Y4 have been enjoying our new class book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We have been imagining and writing about what it might be like in a busy Pompeii market in Ancient Rome. We are also very happy that our sea monkeys have hatched!
Y5	Y5 have had a successful first week back! The children completed their vibrantly-coloured dragons inspired by Chinese culture, as well as their lap books summarising the life and achievements of Rosa Parks, the civil-rights activist. The week ended with a 'bang' as we explored how to launch a rocket as high as possible. We thoroughly enjoyed it!
Y6	We have been busy learning all about the Ancient Egyptians: recognising their place in world history, locating Egypt on a map, recognising different historical sources and generating historical questions. We have also enjoyed researching all about death, mummification and burial. In Maths we have been learning how to do long multiplication and division. Our fantastic art work with Mr Tibbits-Williams continues to amaze us all!

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

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

5S