

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 22nd APRIL 2022



WELCOME BACK!

It is lovey to see everyone back after the Easter break. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and I hear that the children enjoyed lots of Easter eggs!

On Tuesday, parents of children starting in September received notification of their offer to start at St Matthew's. If you have not yet sent a confirmation email through accepting the place, can you please do so ASAP. We look forward to being able to do our full programme of transition events next term, to welcome everyone to our school community.

On Monday, we shall be saying goodbye to Miss James. She is one of our teaching assistants in Y5 and she is leaving us to work in a nursery. I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to St Matthew's over the past two years. We are welcoming Mrs Mui, a teacher from Hong Kong with sixteen years of experience, who shall be supporting in 5S.

On Thursday, parents from Reception and Y1 had the opportunity to have a school tour. This was not possible prior to their children starting, due to Covid restrictions in place. Those who came were very appreciative of the chance to see the entire school in action, and were very positive about the learning and the resources across the school.

The staff and pupils in Robins Class were over the moon to receive a letter from Windsor Castle saying how much Queen Elizabeth enjoyed the lovely album they sent to her earlier in the year! She was very pleased to receive the pictures and messages from the children.

NEXT WEEK

On Tuesday morning, we shall be offering another opportunity for parents of children in Reception and Y1 to have a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to join us.

There will be a meeting on Friday at 2.30pm in the new hall with the PTA. This is a chance to hear from some pupils about how the funds raised by the PTA help to enhance their learning, as well as hearing from current members about the work of the PTA and how you can help.

Please come along!

TERM 5 ENDS ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY

INSET DAYS

THURSDAY 26TH MAY

FRIDAY 27TH MAY

MONDAY 6TH JUNE

TERM 6 ENDS THURSDAY 21ST JULY

THE BLUEBELLS ARE OUT!



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 are learning about space and the moon this term. We have made moon sand, described the moon and used marbling ink to create planet pictures. There was great excitement when the children found a green shield bug, and it led to a hotel being built for it and signs written to protect it!
Y1	Y1 have started our new learning journey called Far, Far Away. We started by making magical travelling potions and deciding where we would like to go. The colours we made helped us think of the colours in far off destinations, such as blue seas, green swamps or purple rainforest flowers. We have also looked at how transport has changed over the years.
Y2	This week we have started our new book and been introduced to 'Traction Man'. We brought in our favourite toy to share with the class and told everyone all about what they liked to do, what talents they had and where they had come from. We then wrote a fact file about our special toy. We are looking forward to going on many journeys with Traction man!
Y3	We have had a great start to the term! We have started our art project with Mr Tibbits-Williams based on our book 'Leaf'. We are learning how to control our pencil and paintbrush. We have also experimented with programming the Bee Bots and we are also writing poems to perform to the class next week.
Y4	Our new book is called 'The Mousehole Cat' and we have enjoyed learning about the Storm Cat and writing some lovely descriptions. In Science, we loved going on a walk around the school and debating what would happen if we made changes to the environment and what impact it would have.
Y5	Year 5 have been considering the characteristics required to be an outstanding secret agent and we then used formal language to write a letter of application to join a secret organisation. In Science, the pupils were fascinated when dissecting tulips and lilies to learn more about how flowering plants reproduce. 5D enjoyed Forest School in the sunshine!
Y6	We have been continuing to read 'Wolf Brother' in preparation for our next 'Big Write' based on a dramatic fight scene. We have also started thinking about personal finance and looking at where our money comes from. Our SATS revision continues for our tests in the week beginning 9 th May.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

MONDAYS

5S
5D

TUESDAYS

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3TWP
3DB
Kookaburras
Lorikeets
6H
6W

THURSDAY

3TWP
4R
4M
Kookaburras
Lorikeets

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
4R
4M
Owls
Robins

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

5S