

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

## IMPORTANT INSPECTION

Last Thursday, we had our SIAMS Inspection. The Inspector spoke to children, staff, parents and Governors, visited classrooms to observe the teaching & learning and saw the children at playtime. Her lines of enquiry were to see how the school's Christian vision, 'Fulfilling God-given potential', drives our school and prepares our children for life. It was a very long day and challenging for the school but I was so impressed with how everyone rose to that challenge and showed St Matthew's at its best. Her report will be published after half term and we look forward to sharing it with you.

This week, it is 'Thank Your Vicar' week which is perfect timing after all the support Chris Wicks gave the school for our SIAMS Inspection.

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Wednesday, travelling up to London by train to the theatre to see 'The Lion King'. Miss Walters said that she kept watching the children's faces light up as the actors danced, sang and performed which showed what a fantastic opportunity this was. Thank you to all the staff who organised and took the children on this fabulous trip.

## THIS WEEK

Year 3 are on a trip to Drusillas this week to complement their learning on the animals of the rainforest. I'm sure they are going to have a fantastic time and will display our school values throughout the day.

The PTA are holding an Autumnal cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday. Please support them by buying a cake or two but also offering to help out at an event.

A new server is being installed on Thursday and Friday this week which means that we will not have any internet connection and will be unable to read or respond to emails.

END OF TERM - THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCT.

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 - MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCT



Year 5 have created beautiful stained glass windows following their learning on cathedrals and have used Christian symbols.

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.



<b>YR</b>	This week, we have been investigating repeating patterns using shapes and compare bears. As part of our PSHE and linking in with our worships this week on resilience and developing perseverance, we have been building obstacle courses as a team. The children have tried to overcome difficulties and have learnt to work together and encourage each other. We are working really hard to learn our sounds and write them. Thank you for the support from home.
<b>Y1</b>	We have been focussing on ordering in maths this week. The children have been putting all sorts of things into order this week, including number cards, the letters in words, towers of bricks and the spots on dominoes. We have worked hard on using the vocabulary greater than and less than.
<b>Y2</b>	Year 2 have been learning about lifecycles in Science and we have learnt what the word metamorphosis means. In Maths, we have been using our Number bonds to 10 to help us learn related facts including bonds to 100. In Geography, we have learnt about the difference between human and physical features.
<b>Y3</b>	This week, Y3 learnt about deforestation and thought carefully about reasons for deforestation and had to decide whether they were good or not - people may need more houses but could they be built elsewhere? People can use wood to make items, but which trees should be cut down? In Literacy, we acted the next part of the story taking the roles of Buddy the orangutan, the truck driver and the vets before writing our own description. In Science, we investigated how changing the position of the source of light changed the size of the shadow which was created.
<b>Y4</b>	This week, 4VC enjoyed Forest School, looking at the history of fire lighting and how they can be started using friction. The road safety talk was very helpful and we learnt the importance of looking and listening all the time. We are continuing to focus on our times tables.
<b>Y5</b>	Year 5 enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year parades and started preparing to create their dragon collages next week. In science, we carried out a fair test, measuring how different amounts of propellant affected the rate of launch.
<b>Y6</b>	The highlight in year 6 was their trip to see the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre - they had an amazing time and are still talking about it! They have also been plotting the route from Naples Italy to New York in USA using Atlas skills and the language of direction.

### WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

#### MONDAY

5S  
5B  
Lorikeets  
Kookaburras  
4B  
**Swimming 4VC**

#### TUESDAY

Owls  
Robins  
6W  
6H

#### WEDNESDAY

3DB  
3TWB  
4VC  
4B  
6W  
6H

#### THURSDAY

3TWB  
3DB  
Owls  
Robins

#### FRIDAY

**FOREST SCHOOL**  
5S