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## Worship Theme

The focus for our worships this week has been on trust and has concentrated on Joshua – someone within the Old Testament who had great faith in God. We have thought about what it means to trust and how we can earn that trust.



## Forest School

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Sycamore Class (Year 5 – Mrs Chater) will be taking part in Forest School.

Please send your children to school in suitable clothing for the weather conditions – thank you!



## A message from Miss Harris

We have reached the end of the first full week and we are all settling back into the school routine. We have quite a number of new families who have joined St Matt's and it is lovely to welcome them to our community.

It has been good to see children get involved with different learning this week... here's a picture of some of our oldest and our youngest children immersed in their learning.



Thank you to all parents and carers who have been able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week – we hope you have found them to be useful and we are looking forward to the sessions for Year 6 on Monday and Years 1/2 on Wednesday next week.

A big well done to all the Year 6 pupils who sat the Kent Test yesterday – you all did yourselves, and us, proud. 😊 The Year 6 children who did not sit the test were so very supportive of their friends... thank you to them for their kindness and for how quietly they worked and moved around to avoid any disturbances.

## Use of the Carpark

Can we please remind everyone that the school carpark is not open to parents / carers for use unless there is prior agreement with the school office for a particular reason.

While we do appreciate that parking is challenging on the roads around the school, there are increasing numbers of cars coming into the car park which is not safe for children arriving / leaving. Thank you for your support to keep our children safe.

## Colour Run – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

We are all very much looking forward to the Colour Run on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – please have a look on Dojo for details to sign up! Thank you to the PTA for organising this with Mrs Hookway... always such a fun event!



## Meet and Greet Coffee Afternoon - Wednesday 17th Sept 2:45-3:15pm

We warmly invite you to join us for a relaxed Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 17th September, where our Family Liaison Officer will chat about a few important updates. (Please note: there will be a further date added in for anyone who would like to come along but has another commitment.)



We'll be discussing recent changes to the school day, the best ways to support your child's learning and who you can turn to for advice or support. Come along, enjoy a cuppa, and have a friendly chat with us before pick-up. We'd love to see you there!

If you would like to come along, please register your interest by emailing [office@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Below are some of the other key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Terms 1 and 2. For many of the events, more details will follow:

### Term 1:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher for Year 6 (Oak and Yew)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Individual Photos
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher for Year 1/2 (Ash, Birch and Elm)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Meet and Greet Coffee Afternoon
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Colour Run
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parent drop-in with Miss Harris
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service in Church
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 8.45am – Parent Prayer Meeting with Mrs Brierley
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1 for children
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day – School closed for children

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Autumn Term Break – School closed for children

### Term 2:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Term 2 begins for children
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.45am – Parent Prayer Meeting with Mrs Brierley
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – PTA Christmas Market
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 8.45am – Parent Prayer Meeting with Mrs Brierley
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Discos
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December am – Nativity performance for parents
- Monday 15 December – pm – Carol Service in Church
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December pm – Nativity performance for parents
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas wrapping and Father Christmas
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2 for children
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day – School closed for children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Christmas Break – School closed for children