



# Newsletter 31

## St Matthew's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Aided)

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18th May 2018

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to be able to confirm the teaching arrangements for next year. There are a number of exciting changes. To begin I would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Armstrong! In September she will be taking on a new post at Kemble Primary School—we wish her all the very best in this exciting new role.

There are also a number of other changes to the current teacher allocations which can be summed up as follows:

- We are pleased to announce that we are, once again, able to split the Year 6 children into 2 smaller classes. Mr Baird will take one half and Mrs Panton the other. For the afternoon sessions the Year 6 will be altogether, 1 afternoon taught by Mr Baird and the remaining 4 by Mrs Panton. Both of the smaller classes will be mixed ability.
- Miss Szarko will be moving to Year 1.
- We will have a new job share partnership in Year 5: Mrs Booth will be teaching 3 days and Mrs Newbould will be teaching 2 days of the week.
- Mrs Young will be coming out of the classroom to focus on her role as Inclusion and Special Educational Needs leader.

We are confident that these changes allow us to continue building on our strengths and will continue to ensure that St-Matthew's is an exciting, innovative place to learn. We especially look forward to welcoming Mrs Booth to our teaching team; she is already known to the staff and the children in Year 2 as she has spent the last 2 terms on her final teaching placement with us. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me.

To sum up, the complete list of teaching is as follows:

Reception	Miss Allen
Year One	Miss Szarko
Year Two	Miss Ward
Year Three	Miss Beebee
Year Four	Mr Halliwell
Year Five	Mrs Booth (3 days) & Mrs Newbould (2 days)
Year Six	Mr Baird (every morning + 1 afternoon) & Mrs Panton (every morning + 4 afternoons)

Best wishes,  
Gina Thomson

### Weekly Whole School Attendance



97%

### 'Friendship'

"I get by with a little help from my friends!"

By Lennon & McCartney



### Cancelled Clubs

Due to Enrichment Week all clubs have been cancelled for next week. This also includes, Rowing, Atlas Sports and Choir. Please collect your children at the normal time of 3.15pm.

### Evernote

During June 2018 Mrs Armstrong will be deleting the Reception Evernote notebooks for the current Y1s and Y2s. We suggest that you print photos from these notebooks as a keepsake as soon as possible.

### Enrichment Week

Next week is Sports Enrichment Week! With last weeks newsletter we sent home a copy of each year groups timetable of activities. If you didn't receive a copy please come to the school office.

Just a little reminder that for Funky Warehouse and South Cerney on all the dates your child will need a packed lunch and a drink. Also please bring the items in from the kit list for South Cerney. We have attached a copy as a reminder. The children are also able to come to school in non-school uniform BUT must wear their school jumper for identification purposes.

As you can imagine we will have coaches coming and going from Longhouse on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday so please avoid parking in Whitehouse Park on these days.

It is essential that for all the activities during the week the children have their PE kit in school EVERY day, otherwise they won't be able to take part. We also need parents to make sure their child has put on suncream before they come into school. A hat will also be essential in the event of hot weather.

On Wednesday 23rd May it will be Sports Day. During the morning the parents will be welcome to come and watch. The gates will open at 10.30am and remember to collect your sticker from a member of staff to allow you to take photographs of your child/children (see below).

Just a reminder that Y3/4 parents are invited to the Cricket Festival on Thursday 24th May.

All we need now is good weather, fingers crossed!!



### 99 Club Badges Awarded for this week

Well done to the children listed below who have worked hard on their timetables and have achieved the following '99' Club badges this week:

Y2: Luca Verinder Baker (33)

Y4: Archie Wilkinson (55)

Y5: James Price (99), Jack Boulton (88), Kyesha Bray (55)

Please return any badges that are out of date to the office so that we can give them to other children. Thank you.

### PTA June Jolly—Friday 22nd June

Please save this date in your diaries! The June Jolly is now being held from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. There will be a bbq, bar, bouncy castle, liquid tombola, book stall and lots, lots, more! To help them with their new liquid tombola could we ask for donations of liquids, any liquids including alcohol, bubble bath, fizzy pop, etc (Please no toxic liquids or opened bottles). We also need donations of books for the book stall, these need to be in good condition. Finally, if you work or know someone who works for a company that can donate a raffle prize this will help to make the raffle an exciting part of the evening. We would like to say once again how truly grateful we are for all your support.

### PTA Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 8th June the children will be able to come into school in Non-School uniform to help raise funds for the PTA. Please pop £1 per child into the PTA buckets when the children arrive at school.

### Forest School

For the rest of this term Reception Class will take part every Tuesday in Forest School. This will be held during the **afternoon** so please make sure they bring in clothing suitable for being outside, including waterproofs and a pair of wellies (in a named bag please). Just to clarify they need to come into school in their uniform and they will then change for Forest Schools after lunch.



### Family Fun Day—Sunday 20th May 2—4.30pm

Stratford Park will once again be hosting a Family Fun Day this Sunday. There will be lots of activities including a climbing wall, face painting, street food, obstacle course and slide and a youth chill zone and silent disco. All the activities are free so go and take a look!

### Photographic Consent

During Enrichment Week we have our Sports Day and many parents like to take photographs of their child/children. For safeguarding purposes we require parents to fill in our 'Parental Agreement', which is a policy for use of images of children taken by parents at school sports events. These can be obtained from the school office. If you filled one in last year then you do not have to fill in another one. On Sports Day you will be required to wear a sticker which will be given out by a member of staff to show that you have permission to take photographs.



Thank you for your co-operation.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 21st May

Enrichment week begins:

Y5/6 South Cerney

YR, 1, 2 Go Bananas

Y3/4 Funky Warehouse

Tuesday 22nd May

Y3/4 South Cerney

Y5/6 Funky Warehouse

Wednesday 23rd May

Sports Day

Thursday 24th May

Y1,2 Funky Warehouse

Friday 25th May

Whitsun Term ends

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 4th June

Trinity Term begins

Tuesday 5th June

Y6 Bikeability begins

Y6 Leaver Photographs

Thursday 7th June

New Parents Meeting (changed from 13th)

Y6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral

Friday 8th June

PTA Non-School Uniform Day

Reception Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th June

Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)

Thursday 21st June

Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)

Friday 29th June

Whole School Open Afternoon

**Wycliffe Morning of Music**

Wycliffe Preparatory School would like to invite your son/daughter to a Morning of Music. It is open to all pupils in Year 5 and 6. It will take place on Saturday 30th June from 10am–12noon. There will also be a small performance from 12noon–12.15pm, which you are welcome to attend. The morning will focus on learning to use the ukulele, and singing. The pupils will perform at the end of the morning and share what they have achieved. The session is open to all musical levels and abilities, including complete beginners. There is no charge to attend this session. Children need to bring with them a completed consent form with emergency contact and health details. This should be handed in on arrival. (These forms will be in St Matthew's office on Monday 14th May)

Places are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. To book a place please email [helen.boswell@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:helen.boswell@wycliffe.co.uk).

**Head Teachers Certificate**

Week Ending 18th May 2018	
Reception	Noah Pullinger
Year 1	Ray Rossiter
Year 2	Nathaniel Regel
Year 3	TBC
Year 4	Colette Lewis
Year 5	Teagan Lewis
Year 6	Ashlee Newport