



Newsletter 32

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

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25th May 2018

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous week we have had!

The children and staff loved South Cerney - they have been wind surfing, paddle boarding, canoeing and raft building. Two glorious days!

At the Funky Warehouse the children not only bounced but they also practiced their park or. Some of the Year 5 and 6 children were particularly inspired by some impressive park or demonstrations!

The Digi wall has been with us all week. The children have enjoyed playing lots of different games based around climbing and team work.

On Wednesday we all enjoyed Sports Day. The weather was absolutely perfect and the children were brilliant. I think a special mention needs to go out to the Year 6 who ALL did a great job looking after and supporting their team members. I was incredibly proud of them. They embraced their responsibilities and were great role models to all.

Thank you for all your support this week, I appreciate the week comes with the demands of making sure the children have the correct equipment/ clothing for the activities. I would also like to thank Miss Beebee for her fabulous organisational skills and the whole team for their enthusiasm!

Best wishes,
Gina Thomson

PTA June Jolly—Friday 22nd June

With this newsletter we have included the June Jolly poster, giving details on all the wonderful activities and events that will be happening during the evening.

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.

Tesco Blue Tokens

We are delighted to inform you that we have won the top prize for collecting the most blue tokens in our local Tesco stores. This means we win the £4000 which will go towards the junior adventure playground!. Thank you to everyone who collected the tokens!



Weekly Whole School Attendance



94%

Gloucestershire Care Services

On Wednesday 12th June the Reception Class will have vision and hearing screening. If you do not wish your child to be screened please contact 0300 421 8225 or email NC.MP@glos-care.nhs.uk. Also, please inform them if your child is already under professional care for hearing and vision. Just for information parents/carers will be informed of the screening results.



The Den

Thank you to parents for making a special effort to hand in Den booking forms for the final term so promptly. Registering the many varied bookings is very time consuming and we are grateful. Please do ensure that invoices are paid as promptly when they are sent out after half term.

Please could all parents who use The Den for their child/children note that **The Den will close at 5:00pm on the last day of this academic year 24th July 2018.**

'Friendship'

"Good friends are hard to find,
harder to leave, and
impossible to forget!"



Y6 Bikeability—Begins Monday 4th June—Friday 15th June

Please remember that your child needs to have a road worth bicycle, and helmet for them to be able to take part. Please bring to school first thing in the morning. The children will be able to wheel the bikes through the side gate where they can prop them outside of the classrooms.

Governor's News.

We were very sorry to lose Rachael Curley as the Chair of the Governors at the end of March. She has been invaluable in supporting the school over a number of years and especially during the last Ofsted inspection. Jacqui Powell has agreed to take on the post as Chair and was duly elected. She is a parent elected governor and has children in school. We are also pleased to announce that Jenny Mills has agreed to be re-appointed as the local authority governor. Deidre Baker finishes her tenancy in June but has decided to become an associate governor which means we can still keep her expertise in church matters but she is relieved of attending so many meetings. We also welcomed Martyn Pearce at the beginning of the year as a parent elected governor.

Governors give of their time and expertise for no financial reward and essential to the success of any school.

Lesley-Anne Kirby (clerk to the governors)

e-mail clerk@stmatthews.gloucs.sch.uk

Forest School

Next term Year 1 will have another chance to do Forest Schools every Tuesday afternoon starting Tuesday 5th June. Please make sure the children 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.



Y6 Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service

Please remember to return your slip for your child to attend the Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service. If you would like to make a donation to this year's charity, Children's Society Initiative 'Seriously Awkward', which tackles problems caused by mental health and cyber bullying, please pop in an envelope and hand it into the office. Any donations will then be taken to the Cathedral.



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:

Y3: Dylan Walker (55), Katie-Marie Ferguson (11)

Y5: Osian Smith (66)

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

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 25th May 2018	
Reception	Ryan Jones
Year 1	George Patton
Year 2	Gracie-May Ferguson
Year 3	Felix Forgione
Year 4	Megan Grant
Year 5	Jack Boulton
Year 6	Solly Yearwood

Data Protection

You should find attached to this newsletter, a copy of the Privacy Notice relating to pupils here at St Matthew's School. This is being copied to you in order to comply with the Data Protection amendments coming into force on 25th May 2018. The notice will also be posted on our school website.

Go Bananas, Funky Warehouse and South Cerney

If you haven't yet paid for your child, who has visited these venues during the week, then can we please ask you to pay as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Stranger Danger



Please take the time over half term to talk to your children about 'Stranger Danger'. If you do see anything suspicious please contact the police.

Head Lice

During half term break please check your child's/children's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. We recommend daily combing through conditioned hair with a nit comb.



Dates for your Diary:

Friday 25th May

Whitsun Term ends

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 4th June

Trinity Term begins
Y6 Bikeability begins

Tuesday 5th June

Y6 Leavers & Reception Class Photographs
New Parents Meeting (changed from 13th)

Thursday 7th June

Y6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral

Friday 8th June

PTA Non-School Uniform Day

Monday 18th June

Reception Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th June

Y2 Legoland

Thursday 21st June

Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)

Friday 29th June

Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)

Whole School Open Afternoon

