



# Newsletter 33

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

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8th June 2018

Dear Parents,

A huge congratulation goes to the Reception class today, after bravely performing their first ever class assembly! Sadly, I was unable to attend however; I have been informed that it was a lovely capture of their learning based around Jack & the Beanstalk! Thank you to all the parents that came to support the class and teachers. What a difference a year makes....

On a slightly less positive note, I would like to remind you that holidays in term time are unauthorised and do have an impact - your child will miss something. In some subjects this isn't critical, but missing an entire week of English and Maths means they will miss a lot of key teaching. In Maths especially, where the learning is very progressive, missing lessons in one week can have a serious impact in the following weeks. A whole week equates to over 20 hours learning across several subject areas - that's a lot to catch up on....

This week in particular we have had a high number of absences due to holidays and a high number of holiday request forms sent in.

I do appreciate that it can be significantly cheaper to go away during term time however, we cannot condone removing children from school at any time of the year. Please think twice if you are considering booking a holiday during term time.

Best wishes,  
Gina Thomson

### PTA June Jolly—Friday 22nd June

Please help! The PTA are in desperate need of liquids for the 'Liquid Tombola'. Donations can include alcohol, bubble bath, fizzy pop, etc. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

Just a little reminder that they will also need donations of cakes for the cake stall. If you are providing shop bought cakes please bring them into school during the week. If you're donating home baked cakes please bring them in on Friday 22nd June.

### PTA Meeting—Monday 11th June

The PTA will be meeting at Sainsbury's café at 6.30pm. All welcome.

### Weekly Whole School Attendance



92%

### Gloucestershire Care Services

The Health & Wellbeing Team have changed the date of the vision and hearing screening to Monday 18th June from Wednesday 12th June for the Reception Class children. If you do not wish your child to be screened please contact 0300 421 8225 or email [NC.MP@glos-care.nhs.uk](mailto: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.



### Atlas Camps

Bookings are now available to make online at [www.atlascamps.co.uk/stroud](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk/stroud) for the summer holidays. Unfortunately St Matthew's will not be able to host this holiday club during the summer due to essential maintenance work. However, Atlas Camps will be running the club at Cashes Green Primary School just this once and will return to us for the Autumn half-term.



### 'Respect'

"Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.

Respect is earned, not given!"



### Y6 Leavers' Photographs and Reception Class Photo

As you are aware we had to re-arrange the date for the photographs due to the drizzle and cloud on Tuesday. We aren't normally concerned about the weather, however, we want the children to be outside (fingers crossed!) for their special photographs and Tuesday was not a good day. The new date is now Monday 11th June.

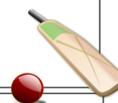
### Dates for your Diary:

Monday 11th June	Tooth Fairy visiting Y3 Rounders Tournament at Archway (invited children only)
Tuesday 12th June	L2 Mountain Biking at Archway (invited children only) Frocester Cricket tournament (invited children only)
Friday 15th June	Y6 Swimming continues
Monday 18th June	Y2 Legoland
Tuesday 19th June	District Sports—Large Schools (at St Matthew's)
Wednesday 20th June	Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)
Thursday 21st June	Storytime, Snack and Play (New Intake)
Friday 22nd June	Final Y6 Swimming session
Tuesday 26th June	District Sports—track event at Stratford Court
Wednesday 27th June	Y4 trip to Redwood Swimming Gala
Thursday 28th June	Frocester Cricket tournament (invited children only)
Friday 29th June	Whole School Open Afternoon
Thursday 5th July	Y6 Enterprise Day
Friday 6th July	Y6 Induction Days at Secondary School
Monday 9th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10th July	Y6 Talent Show (7pm)
Wednesday 11th July	Y6 Talent Show (7pm)
Thursday 12th July	Y5 Activity Morning at Archway
Friday 13th July	Y1 Trip to the Matthew of Bristol & M Shed Interhouse Cricket & Rounders
Friday 20th July	Interhouse Cricket & Rounders (reserve date)
Monday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 24th July	Leavers Service—St Matthew's Church Trinity Term Ends at 2.30pm



### Interhouse Cricket & Rounders

As you can see from above the Interhouse Cricket & Rounders is now being held on Friday 13th July which was originally the reserve date. We have moved the date as the Year 6 children will be visiting their Secondary Schools on Friday 6th July. The reserve date is now Friday 20th July.



### 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:

Y5: Lola Eager (55)

Y6: Felicity Hughes (77)

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

### Forest School

Just to remind you that this term Year 1 will have another chance to do Forest Schools every Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure the children bring in clothing suitable for being outside, including waterproofs and a pair of wellies (in a named bag please).



### Chocolate Spread

Can we ask parents to make sure that if they're putting chocolate spread in their children's sandwiches for lunchtime that it does not contain nuts. Apart from the possible choking factor we do have children who suffer with severe nut allergies. Thank you so much for your support.

### National Smile Month

As part of this initiative to help children with their dental hygiene, we have arranged for the 'Tooth Fairy' to come into school on Monday 11th June to see the Year 3 children. This is not a reflection on the Year 3 children's teeth, just an opportunity to see how affective having the a visit from the 'Tooth Fairy' will be. If it seems to be a success we will arrange for more visits in the future.



### Year 6 Visit from Archway

On Monday 11th June, the Archway Year 7 Head of Year will be coming to visit the Year 6 children who are due to start at Archway in September. A member of the Archway teaching staff will stay on after school to see any parents who may have questions. This will take place in the school hall (we will open the hall doors to the carpark for you to come straight in).

### Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 8th June 2018	
Reception	Jacob Hall
Year 1	Hermione Howells
Year 2	Samuel James
Year 3	Joshua Chandler
Year 4	Evie Smith
Year 5	Hayden Cooke
Year 6	Ruby Weager