



Newsletter 2

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

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14th September 2018

Dear Parents

We'd like to welcome back our Y6 from their amazing adventure to PGL in Osmington Bay. They've zip wired, hiked, played ambush and been quad biking to name just a few. With a disco, lots to eat and beautiful scenery, they have returned completely exhausted – and that's just the teachers! It was also lovely to see so many parents attend the assembly this morning which showed what a great time they'd had.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Panton, Mrs Bateman and Mr Szkrybieniec for giving up their own time to go on this trip and helping the children to have a wonderful experience.

It has also been a fantastic week for attendance. On Wednesday you achieved 100% which is amazing. Thank you so much for supporting the school by bringing your children in, on time and ready to learn.

Gina Thomson
Head Teacher

Weekly Whole School Attendance

99%



School Carpark

We would like to remind parents that they are not to drive into the school carpark to drop off and pick up their children. This also includes after school clubs as children will be coming and going.

However, we are happy for you to drive in between 9am and 2.45pm to collect your child if they have an appointment.

'Thankfulness'

"Be thankful for what you have,
Be fearless for what you want!"



Rowing Club

We would like to clarify that the finishing time for Rowing Club which starts next Monday 17th October will be 4.30pm, not 4.15pm as stated in last weeks newsletter.

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:

Y4: Olivia Smith (77), Kelsie Griffin, Zachary Howells (33), Katie Ferguson (33)

Y5:

Y6: Samuel Dallison (77)

Please return any badges that are out of date to the office so that we can give them to other children.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

Welcoming Reception Class to lunchtimes!

From Monday 17th September all of our Reception Class children will have lunch at school. The children should come into school for 8.30am and then be collected at 1.45pm. Could we please ask parents to fill in the lunch register clipboard (for hot lunches) when the children arrive so that we know what to order them in for lunch. Miss Allen will then check that all the children have a lunch for that day. If your child is bringing a packed lunch you do not need to fill in the lunch register, as Miss Allen will do this. If you require a copy of the menu please pop to the office.



PTA September Sizzle— Friday 28th September

This hugely popular event takes place straight after school until 5pm. There will be a BBQ and a bar. This is not a fundraiser it's more about the school community. Come along and enjoy!

Academic Calendar

Could you please amend your calendars slightly for 23rd April which says on the calendar that it's a Monday. It should read Tuesday. (Monday 22nd April is a Bank Holiday). Thank you.

Y4 Swimming

On Friday 21st September, Year 4 will begin their swimming sessions at Archway. They will be collected by coach at 1.25pm and return to school for 3.00pm. To make life a bit easier, we have broken up the payment into 3 lots of £12.95 (1 payment per term) on Parentpay which will total £38.85. However, if you would like to pay in full this is also possible. Please make your contribution and return all permission slips by Wednesday 19th September.

If you have any questions please come to the school office.



Coolmilk

Could parents who have paid for their child to have milk every day, please remind them to tell their teacher. They will then go and collect the milk from the fridge. This way we can make sure the children are having the milk that parents have ordered for them.

Atlas Camps

If you need to book your child into a club during October Half Term, St Matthew's host Atlas Camps. If this is something you are interested in, please visit their website, www.atlascamps.co.uk to find out more information or to book a place.

Data Collection Sheets

As you are aware the Data Collection sheets were sent home at the beginning of this term for you to check, alter if necessary and then sign. Please make sure that you have returned yours for all your children by next Monday 17th September. This will then give us time to amend your details in time for the school census at the beginning of October.

The Den

The Den invoices were due to be paid by today (Friday 14th September). If you have not already done so, please make sure you have cleared your invoice by the end of play today. We appreciate your support with this.



Dates for your Diary

Michaelmas Term

Friday 21st September	St Matthew's Day Service (Church) Y4 begin swim sessions at Archway
Tuesday 25th September	Cross Country at Painswick RFC—invited children only
Friday 28th September	Interhouse Football & Netball PTA September Sizzle
Friday 5th October	Harvest Festival (Church) Interhouse Football & Netball (reserve date)
Tuesday 9th October	Y2 trip to Sainsbury's
Friday 12th October	L2 Sportability at Archway—invited children only
Monday 15th October	KS2 Football Festival at Painwick RFC—invited children only
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18th October	Michaelmas Term Ends
Friday 19th October	Inset Day



Forest Schools

Years 3 and 4 will be alternating Forest School this term. Next Tuesday, 18th September, Year 4 will have another turn.

To help you remember please see dates below:

Tuesday 18th September	Year 4
Tuesday 25th September	Year 3
Tuesday 2nd October	Year 4
Tuesday 9th October	Year 3
Tuesday 16th October	Year 4



Please remember to bring waterproof clothing into school in a named bag with wellington boots as they will be going outside in all weather conditions.

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 14th September 2018

Year 1	Maisy-Bea Haddock
Year 2	Ray Rossiter
Year 3	Scarlett Holder
Year 4	Freddie Powell
Year 5	Avery Mooney
Year 6	Tom Spencer