



Newsletter 39

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

20th July 2018

<http://www.st-matthews.gloucs.sch.uk>

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week....

The year 1 class had a fabulous beach day with a Punch and Judy performance and ice creams!

We've also had 2 music showcases. The choir sang to the school and parents on Wednesday afternoon and violins and Music Club played on Friday. The children were so confident and happy to be showcasing their talents, it was an absolute joy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Sue Smith, Sarah Davies and Liz Weager. For as long as I can remember, these ladies have been so supportive of the PTA, from attending meetings, helping on stalls and collecting the money. Sadly (for us) their youngests are now flying the St Matthew's nest and so they are too!

On behalf of everyone at St Matthew's thank you Sue, Sarah and Liz for all your wonderful support! We will miss you - if you miss us, you're most welcome to come along and help at any future PTA event....

Best wishes,
Gina Thomson

When to keep your child off school

We would like to remind parents that if your child has been vomiting at home during the night or morning, that you **do not** send them into school. This also applies to Diarrhoea. Please keep them off school for a minimum of 24 hours (this would only apply if your child had been sick once and was absolutely fine afterwards, eating and drinking, completely back to their normal selves). However, if your child is still not eating properly and is lethargic and generally not themselves, please keep them off for 48 hours after they were last sick.

If your child has spots of any kind they need to be checked out by a Pharmacist or Doctor before they come to school.

Colds and coughs can be easily managed at school with Paracetamol (Calpol) and/or Ibruprofen. We can administer these medicines in school but do need parents to fill in an 'Administer Medicine' form so that we can do this for you.

If your child is suffering with something that you're not sure of, please take them to a Pharmacist in the first instance.

Finally, if your child is not in school for any reason please contact the school before 9.00am and leave a message on the absence line so we know that your child is safe and what the issue is. Thank you.



Autumn Menu

With this newsletter you should receive a copy of the Autumn Lunch Menu.

Please pin it up on the fridge and discuss with your child the lunch choices just before they come back in September.

With this in mind can we just mention that the current Year 2 children will need their Parentpay accounts ready and credit put on so that they can order a lunch in September when they start in Year 3 (school lunches cost £2.36 each). If you have problems with this please contact the school office.

Y6 Leavers Party

On Monday 23rd July the Y6 will have the opportunity to let their hair down and have some fun. They will be getting wet so please provide your child with a spare set of dry clothes and a towel. Just a reminder that the party finishes at 5pm so please collect your child promptly.



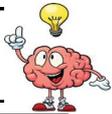
Weekly Whole School Attendance

96%



Clubs
All Clubs have now finished for this term.

'Respect'
"Seek respect not attention, it lasts longer!"



NHS Gloucestershire Care Services

Measles continues to be active within Gloucestershire, and as a consequence we are offering community based clinics throughout the summer. The Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR) vaccination provides the only protection against measles. Measles spreads very easily. In fact, it's one of the most infectious diseases known. You can catch measles if you spend just 15 minutes with someone who has the disease.

Children require two doses of MMR to be fully protected. If parents are unsure of their child's immunisation status they can contact the Immunisation Team to confirm. Please see the poster which has been sent with this 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:

Y6: Marley Stocks (77)

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

Finish Time on Tuesday 24th July

Just to remind you that school finishes at 2.30pm next Tuesday and The Den will close at 5pm. Please make sure that you collect your children promptly. Thank you

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 23rd July Year 6 Leavers Party - finishing at 5.00pm
 Tuesday 24th July Leavers Service—St Matthew's Church (10.00am)
 Trinity Term Ends at 2.30pm (5pm in The Den)



SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Monday 3rd September Inset Day
 Tuesday 4th September Michaelmas term begins

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 20th July 2018	
Reception	Maisy-Bea Haddock
Year 1	Leo Sim
Year 2	Lilly Daffern
Year 3	Tobias Barnfield
Year 4	Leo Hooper
Year 5	Dylan Berry
Year 6	Theo Howells

Allsorts—For families who have children with additional needs

Allsorts is fundraising to open an inclusive Toy Library in Stroud.

The Toy Library will be for the whole community to use. It will be a place that is welcoming for children with additional needs and will have several specialist features. The new library will have a music room, and a sensory room, meaning that they can run activities for hundreds of children with additional needs every year. Over the summer, they are hoping to raise £30,000 to bring this community Toy Library to Stroud.

The new Toy Library will also provide life and work skills opportunities for young disabled adults who are leaving education. To run the Toy Library for one day it will cost £100 so any donation would be very welcome.

For further information please visit their website:
www.allsortsglos.org.uk

Summer Holiday Activities at The Museum in the Park

During the summer The Museum in the Park has a fantastic array of wonderful workshops that you and your family can take part in.

Please visit their website on www.themuseuminthepark.org.uk and look at the 'Summer Activities' tab which lists all the dates and activities available, most of which are free.



Sue Ryder Autumn Fayre—Saturday 8th September 2018

Mrs Panton and Miss Szarko, as part of their running club, have asked if we could mention this Summer Fayre. It runs from 11am until 4pm at Leckhampton Court Hospice, Church Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham. GL53 0QJ. There will be a bbq, pop-up bar, tasty treats, live music and entertainment, face painting, bouncy castle and fun family activities. Entry is £2.50 but free to under 12's.