



Newsletter 5

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

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5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parent champions who came to our first meeting on Monday. Please find the minutes attached.

It is important to note that if you were unable to attend the meeting on Monday, you are still most welcome to attend any future meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday 29th October, this meeting is for Key Stage 1 parents only (Rec, Y1, Y2). The Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) meeting will be held on Monday 12th November.

If you are not able to attend these meetings but have questions or suggestions to give, please do contact any parent champion through email or Facebook. We are very keen for all parents to have a voice during these meetings.

Please also note that we are holding weekly coffee mornings. These will take place throughout the year for all year groups, to enable parents to meet chat and drink coffee with Mrs Bateman (Family worker). We do appreciate that during this time you may need reassurance that the issues that Ofsted have highlighted are being addressed and that progress is being made. We hope that through the coffee mornings and parent champion meetings you can share your concerns and celebrate the successes.

One success we can celebrate is that we have been allocated an HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) to support and monitor our progress. As yet, we don't know the timing of our first visit, however as soon as I have any news I will share this with you.

On Monday we will be holding our annual PTA AGM. During this meeting we will be thinking about future events, voting in our PTA committee and (most importantly) discussing how to spend the money! Exciting times!! Please do join us, everyone is welcome!

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the harvest festival in the church this morning, as ever the children sang and read beautifully. Thank you for all the food donations, they will be delivered to the food bank this afternoon.

Best wishes
Gina Thomson

Parents' Evenings

As you are aware from the Academic Calendar, our Parents Evenings are being held on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th October 3.30pm—7.00pm

Wednesday 17th October 3.30pm—6.00pm

The signing up clipboards will be displayed in the Office Reception area from **Monday 8th October at 8.15am**.

If you are unable to come into school to sign up you are very welcome to ring into school after 9.00am from this date.

Weekly Whole School Attendance



99%

Year 1 Coffee Mornings

On Wednesday 10th and 17th October Year 1 parents are invited to a Coffee Morning with Mrs Bateman our Family Support Worker from 8.45am until 10.00am in The Den. Younger siblings are very welcome.

Mrs Bateman will be arranging dates throughout the year for all other Year groups. Watch this space!



Please remember that you can email Mrs Bateman on j.bateman@st-matthews.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any worries or concerns, or just pop in.

Whole School Photographs—Tuesday 9th October

Next Tuesday, Tempest Photographers will be in school to take photographs of all the children.



If you wish to have younger siblings included in the photograph please come along to school for 8.15am with all your children. Brothers and sisters who attend St Matthew's will automatically have their photograph taken together and separately during the day.

The Den - Booking for next term

Booking forms for The Den for the period of 29th October to 20th December are now available. Please note that spaces are limited for health and safety reasons. Places are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. All forms must be handed in by 11th October please. This will enable us to process them all before we break up, and to inform anyone for whom we have been unable to allocate places requested. Thank you

PTA AGM—Monday 8th October

Our wonderful PTA will be holding their AGM next Monday and all parents are welcome! It begins at 6.30pm and will be held in The Den. Please come along.

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 5th October 2018

Year R	The Whole Class
Year 1	Kyana-Leigh White
Year 2	Evie-Mai White
Year 3	The Whole Class
Year 4	Sophia Marshall
Year 5	Summer Hooper
Year 6	Tayla Handbury

Young Voices Concert—Wednesday 23rd January 2019

We are in desperate need of more children to attend this event for it to go ahead. If you would like your child to take part in the Young Voices Concert which is held at the Genting Arena in Birmingham please pop to the school office to collect the details.

Mrs Pearce has very kindly offered to help the children prepare by running Choir practice every Wednesday, beginning after half term.

This event is only open to children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. All payments will need to be made via Parentpay. Please note that children will be travelling by coach with members of staff. If parents want to attend, they will have to buy tickets and find their own way to and from this event. This has been put in place for safeguarding purposes.

Sue Ryder Charity

The staff who ran the Cheltenham Half Marathon last Sunday would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who donated money on both the Friday morning and the September Sizzle. The final collection total is £131.34.

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: Evie Smith (77)

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



'Thankfulness'

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers!"



Forest Schools

Years 3 and 4 will be alternating Forest School this term. Next Tuesday, 9th October, Year 3 will have another turn.

To help you remember, please see dates below:

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.



Dates for your Diary: Michaelmas Term

Monday 8th October	KS2 Football Festival—invited children only
Tuesday 9th October	Whole School Photographs
Friday 12th October	L2 Sportability at Archway—invited children only
Monday 15th October	KS2 Football Festival at Painswick RFC—invited children only
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening Gloucester Fire visit Y2
Wednesday 17th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18th October	Michaelmas Term Ends
Friday 19th October	Inset Day



Y1 Old Newspaper Request

If you have any old spare newspapers that you don't use, our Year 1 class would love to have them for their art projects. Please bring to the office. Thank you.

Games Club

After half-term Nikki Embling has kindly offered to run a Games Club (board games, card games, etc.) after school on Wednesdays starting 31st October for Years 2—6. The Club will run until 4.15pm. Please pop to the office for a permission slip.