



Newsletter 6

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

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12th October 2018

Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week!

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 footballers attended a Football Festival on Monday and were fabulous. They all played well and their behaviour and support for one another was very impressive. Mr Halliwell supported the Year 5 & 6 and Mr S and Mr Boulton supported the Year 3 & 4 team. The Year 3 & 4 team were runners up in their group and the Year 5 & 6 team came 3rd. Thank you to everyone who supported them and thank you to our footballers for being such good 'Sportsmen' and making us proud!

On Monday evening, we held our annual PTA AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was a good meeting with some new faces and new ideas. We have got lots of exciting plans for fund raising and for spending the money! If you weren't able to attend on Monday, don't worry - you can still attend any PTA meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday 5th November and will take place in Sainsbury's Café, please do attend if you can. All support is greatly appreciated!

On Wednesday, we had our first class coffee morning and the feedback has been really positive. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, I understand that notes were taken and a post put on Facebook. If you have missed this, please do feel free to catch up with either Mrs Bateman or Laura Beattie (Robyn's Mum).

On Monday we will be welcoming Mrs Collins, our new deputy head. She will spend the week getting to know the children, parents and, of course, staff! In next week's newsletter, I will be able to give more details about her role within the school.

Next week, we will be holding our first parents' evening of the year. Please do sign up as these meetings are incredibly important. If you are unavailable to make these sessions, please do still come and see us. We will happily make ourselves available after school; we just need to work around after school clubs and professional development meetings.

Best wishes
Gina Thomson

Parents' Evenings

Just a little reminder that Parents' Evenings are being held on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th October 3.30pm—7.00pm

Wednesday 17th October 3.30pm—6.00pm

If you haven't already done so, the clipboards are still available for you to sign up for an appointment. A crèche will be available for parents to drop off their children whilst seeing the Class Teacher. This will be held in the hall. Please take your child/children through first before your appointment and collect them promptly afterwards.

Weekly Whole School Attendance



97.5%

'Thankfulness'

"The happiest people do not have the best of everything, they make the best of everything they have!"



Forest Schools

There has been a change of plan for Forest Schools next week (16th October). As part of their topic on 'The Great Fire of London' the children in Year 2 will have the Forest School slot. This is to enable them to re-enact their topic outside. We will try and fit in another date at some point for Year 4.

Please remember to bring in waterproof Clothing for Year 2 in a named bag with wellington boots - they will be going outside whatever the weather.



Blocking of Church Gates

It has been brought to our attention that a black Nissan Qashqai is parking and blocking these gates at both drop off and pick up times daily. Can we please ask this person to avoid this area as these gates need to be clear for access at all times.

Please note that Victory Park Car Park is available to use. We do like to ask for parents support with parking issues for Health & Safety reasons .

The Den

We would like to mention, although early, that The Den will close at 5pm on Thursday 20th December as the school will finish at 2.30pm on this day.

This may affect any bookings that you have made and, this way, you have time to amend if necessary.

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 12th October 2018

Year 1	Jack McCanlis
Year 2	Harry Brown
Year 3	Liam Kerry
Year 4	Marcel Filas
Year 5	Freya Daffern
Year 6	Bobby Green

Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument?

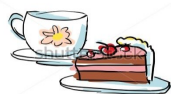
From Y2/3 upwards we currently offer tuition at school for violin, keyboard, piano, flute and clarinet and singing. There are fees payable for these lessons. Pupils currently eligible for Pupil Premium may be able to have financial assistance with tuition fees. If we have enough interest in another instrument such as guitar, we could look into the possibility of asking another tutor to come and give lessons. Please ask at the school office for further information.

Year 1 Coffee Mornings

Next Wednesday, 17th October ,Year 1 parents are invited to another 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.



School Photographs

Could we please have all the orders back into school by next Wednesday 17th October. This way they should be back in plenty of time before Christmas.

Coolmilk

Could we please ask parents to check with their child/children, particularly if they receive milk in the infant classes, if they actually want milk. We are having to throw away a lot of unwanted milk and want to reduce the amount brought in if it's not required. Thank you.

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: Evie Pearce (66), Jack Dallison (55)

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

Dates for your Diary: Michaelmas Term

Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening Gloucester Fire visit Y2
Wednesday 17th October	Parents' Evening Y1 Coffee Morning
Thursday 18th October	Michaelmas Term Ends at normal time
Friday 19th October	Inset Day



Year 5 Topic Request

The next 2 topic sessions for Year 5 will be designing and building model rockets. If anyone could spare empty plastic bottles, toilet roll tubes, kitchen roll tubes, or similar to help make these rockets they would be very grateful. Please bring to the office. Thank you.

Half Term Family Events at the Museum in the Park

Sunday 21st October, 11am–4pm you can drop in at the Big Draw Day with artist and illustrator Imogen Harvey-Lewis
Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October 10.30am–3.30pm is the family drop in workshop
Friday 26th October 10.30–3.30pm is a Comic Book Workshop with Hannah Shaw
Sunday 28th October 11am–4pm is Apple Day. During the day there will be Apple Pressing Drop in Workshops

For further information and to see if costs are involved please visit www.museuminthepark.org.uk