



Newsletter 8

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

2nd November 2018

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Dear Parents,

What a fabulous start to the term this enrichment week has been!

The theme for the week has been 'Kindness'. The children have been kind to each other and their teachers. They have learned about kindness to animals and their habitats, kindness in the community and even how to be kind to their teeth!!

Today the children have come into school in all their amazing Super Hero costumes, from Batman to teachers, Ninja Turtles to vets. Thank you to all our parents for once again coming up with the costumes!

During this week, we have experienced a few problems with school lunches. Some were due to the Enrichment Week and trying to make sure all the children had the opportunity to be involved in all the activities. However, we also had a timing issue where the lunches started much later than was expected. I would like to re-assure you that this has now been rectified and this should not happen again.

Next Thursday, the Flu Vaccination team will be in to vaccinate children whose parents have given consent. If you haven't already filled in the consent form online, there is still time. Please visit their website and your child will then be included in the programme. This is a Government initiative to try to prevent the spread of flu amongst children, vulnerable family and friends.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Champion meeting on Monday. The minutes will be in next weeks newsletter.

Best wishes, Gina Thomson

Poppy Appeal

On Monday morning children from Y6 will be selling items on the Junior school gate for the Poppy Appeal. There will be a wide selection of items for sale from erasers to rulers ranging from 50p to £1 plus reflector poppies 50p or paper poppies with a suggested donation of 20p upwards.

Forest Schools

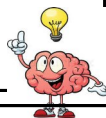
Next week Year 4 will have their turn at Forest Schools.

Tuesday 6th November Year 4
Tuesday 13th November Year 6
Tuesday 20th November Year 4
Tuesday 27th November Year 6
Tuesday 4th December Year 4
Tuesday 11th December Year 6
Tuesday 18th December Year 4



'Trust'

"The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them!"



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

Weekly Whole School Attendance

98%



Y1 Trip to Copesgrove Farm—Friday 9th November

Next week, Year 1 will be visiting Copesgrove Farm as part of their topic on 'Farms'. Please remember to dress your child in warm, waterproof clothing and wellington boots, plus hat, gloves and scarf. It's always colder in Bisley than you think it is!! A packed lunch with a drink will also be required. They will leave school at 9.30am and will be collected from Copesgrove Farm at 2pm.

The children will have the opportunity to have a toasted marshmallow and chocolate spread on toast as part of their farm experience. We will also be taking Piriton and Anthisan for bites or stings as a precaution. Please let us know if you DO NOT want us to administer this to your child should they need it.

5 Club and 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 '5 Club' and '99' Club badges this week:

5 Club

Y2: Aeryn Gillard, Izabella Howell, Chloe Flight, Evelyn Hocking, Evie-Mai White, Freya White, Hadley Embling, Harry Brown, Harvey Munson-Smith, Hermione Howells, Isaac Smith, Junior Sharp, Oliver Jameson, Oona Smith, Ray Rossiter, Rhyleigh Savini, Rufus Clark, Seb Smith, William Smith.

Last week of term—99 Club

Y4: Tobias Barnfield (99), Ruben Ihasz (55), Sophia Marshall (44)

Y5: Evie Smith (88), Summer Hooper (77), Joshua Chandler (66), Jasmine Ahmad (66), Avery Mooney (55), Thomas Evans (44),

This week—99 Club

Y4: Olivia Smith (99), Evie Pearce (77), Millie Delrosa (55), Bethan Corbett (55), Hetty Macaulay (44)

Y5: Tom Johansson (99), Avery Mooney (66)

Y6: Jack Boulton (99), Shawn Koshy (99), Archie Powell (99), Tayla Handbury (66), Adam Frusher (66)

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



Admission to Primary School September 2019

We are expecting GCC to send out a letter to parents during November which will give information about how to apply for a school place, if your child is due to start school in September 2019, however if you haven't received your copy by 1st December you must contact them as soon as possible.

The deadline for making your application is 15th January 2019 and the Allocation Date to find out which school they can offer your child is 16th April 2019.

If you have any questions or queries about applying for a place at Primary School please contact Co-ordinated Admissions via email at school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk or visit their website on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

PTA Change of Event

The PTA Disco that was arranged for Friday 16th November has been cancelled and re-arranged for the new year. However, in its place the PTA have arranged for Film Night instead. Details are as follows:

Thursday 15th November: Infant Classes 3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 16th November: Junior Classes 3.30pm—5.00pm

A letter will be coming home during the early part of next week which will confirm which films the children will be watching plus how and when you can buy tickets. The tickets will be sold at £3 each which will include a snack and a drink.

Just to clarify that the children will go out to play at the end of the school day and then come in for 3.30pm to watch the film. Parents **do not** need to collect their children between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

New Clubs

Starting next week we have a couple of new clubs available, they are as follows:



Gymnastics Club—Tuesdays

This club will replace Benchball which has now finished due to lack of interest. Children from Years 3 and 4 are able to sign up, however, there are only 12 places available on a first come first served basis. Permission slips can be obtained from the school office. This club will begin next Tuesday 6th November finishing at 4.15pm.

Drama Club—Thursdays

Mr Halliwell will be starting a new Drama Club next Thursday, 8th November for children in Years 5 and 6. The Club will finish at 4.05pm. If you would like your child to join please fill in a permission slip from the school office.

Sportshall Athletics—Thursdays

Beginning next Thursday 8th November Sportshall Athletics will run after school for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. There are a maximum of 20 places which will be available on a first come first served basis. This club will also finish at 4.15pm. If you child would like to join please come to the school office to fill in a permission slip.

Your Child's Annual Flu Vaccination—8th November 2018

Next week the vaccinations will take place for children in classes YR to Y5. If you haven't already done so please go online and fill in a consent form so that your child can be included in this national programme to help protect your child against Flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. A leaflet explaining the programme was sent home in September.

Here is the website address to visit:

<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms>

On successfully completing your online consent form, you will receive an email confirmation. If you would prefer to fill in a paper consent form, please come to the office as soon as possible.

Just to confirm the vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 2nd November 2018

Year R	William Kovac
Year 1	Poppy Forgione
Year 2	Bella Howells
Year 3	Hannah Sutton
Year 4	Rebecca Dodds
Year 5	Oakley Thomas
Year 6	Lucy Heaton

Atlas Camps

Here at St Matthew's we host the Atlas Camps during the holidays, and their Christmas Camp is now ready to book online. If this is something you may be interested in please visit their website on www.atlascamps.co.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 8th November
Friday 9th November
Wednesday 14th November
Thursday 15th November
Friday 16th November

Friday 23rd November
Saturday 24th November
Thursday 29th November
Friday 30th November

Tuesday 11th December
Wednesday 12th December
Thursday 13th December
Friday 14th December
Wednesday 19th December

Thursday 20th December
Friday 21st December

Flu Immunisation Programme (YR—Y5)
Y1 visit Copesgrove Farm
Y3 visit Vue Cinema
PTA Film Night—Infants
Y5 Class Assembly
Children in Need
PTA Film Night—Juniors
Sportshall Athletics
Rowing Competition—Cardiff
Y5 Maths Workshop (invited children only)
Advent Service—Church
Handball Festival
Whole School Open Afternoon
Infant Nativity—Dress Rehearsal
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PTA Christmas Fayre
Christmas Lunch
Junior Carol Service—Church
Advent Term ends (2.30pm) The Den (5pm)
Inset Day



Year 1 Coffee Mornings

Just a little reminder that Mrs Bateman will be running weekly Coffee Mornings for parents every Wednesday from 8.45am—10am in The Den.



The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 14th November	Reception Class
Wednesday 21st November	Year 2
Wednesday 28th November	Year 3
Wednesday 5th December	Year 4
Wednesday 12th December	Year 5 and 6

Please note as Year 1 parents have already been to their Coffee Morning they are not on this list. However, 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.

Cotswold Rangers Youth FC

This is a Standard Charter Club which was founded in 2009. They are hoping that we could support them from 1st November until the end of December as they are taking part in the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme.

Every time you shop at Tesco during this time and purchase a bag you will be given a blue token to pop into the community chest of which CRYFC will be one of three deserving causes. They could win between £1,000 - £4,000 as they desperately need to buy new equipment. Participating stores are: Stroud (main store), Tesco Express: Chalford, Nailsworth, Paganhill. Lots of our school children play for the team so you would be really helping them out.

'Every little helps'. Thank you.

Stroud Stragglers

The Stroud Stragglers ladies have created a calendar to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to support them by purchasing a 2019 calendar for £8 each, please visit them in Stroud Farmers market during November and December. Raffle tickets will be available until 17th November at £1 each with many prizes donated from local businesses and have been displayed on the entrance doors of St Matthew's School. To purchase raffle tickets please see Emma Ahmad (Mum at St Matthew's) or visit the Stroud Stragglers Facebook page, email Stroud.stragglers@gmail.com or contact Wendy on 07825953588 or Sarah on 07577462547.