



Newsletter 10

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

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

16th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the Year 5s this morning for putting together such a wonderful Assembly on 'Space' and to all the parents who came along to support them.

I would also like to thank everyone who made a donation to 'Children in Need'. It's always fun to take part in this annual event and support them with their fundraising for thousands of disadvantaged children all over the United Kingdom. We will let you know how much has been collected as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to re-enforce our message on keeping children away from school if they are suffering with sickness or diarrhoea. There is a particularly nasty strain going through the school at the moment, not only affecting the children but also affecting our staff. Please make sure that if your child/children go down with either or both of these illnesses to keep them off school for 48 hours. This will hopefully stop the spread of germs. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,
Gina Thomson

Library Helpers

We are in desperate need of help with our Library. If you are available to help for one afternoon per week to assist us we would really like to hear from you. Please either pop to the office or give us a call. Thank you.



Weekly Whole School Attendance

97%



'Trust'

"Trust takes years to build, seconds to break, and forever to repair!"



Head Teachers Certificate

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 19th December

A letter will be coming home today asking for your child/children's Christmas lunch choice. Dursley Kitchen who provide the hot lunches for school, need to know by the beginning of December how much turkey to order. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter and return to school by 30th November .

Your child's Christmas lunch preference will be transferred to the lunch registers so that you don't have to order again.



Week Ending 16th November 2018

Year R	Ruby Woodward
Year 1	Freya Lewis
Year 2	Tayah Hughes
Year 3	Jackson Andrew
Year 4	Felix Forgione
Year 5	Kayla Ahmad
Year 6	George Steed

Individual Health Care Plan

With this newsletter we have included a form for parents to fill in if their child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of. This information is collected annually so that we have the most up to date details for your child. Please fill in and return to school by Friday 23rd November.

Y4 Swimming

Just a little reminder that swimming will not be running on 23rd and 30th November due to other activities in school. It will start again on 7th December.



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, '10' Club, '11' Club and '99' Club badges this week:

5 Club

Y2: Alfie Cowley, Ava Griffin, Leo Sim

10 Club

Y2: Caitlin Hughes, Chloe Flight, Ellie Dexter, Freya White, Harley Yearwood, Rufus Clark, Tayah Hughes

11 Club

Y2: Aeryn Gillard, Bella Howell, Evie-Mai White, Hadley Embling, Harry Brown, Hermione Howells, Isaac Smith, Junior Sharp, Oliver Jameson, Rhyleigh Savini, Seb Smith, William Smith

This week—99 Club

Y5: Kayla Ahmad (66)

Y6: Evie Cratchley (99), Marnie Hansford (88), Ellie Mills-Griffin (88), Tayla Handbury (77), Zachary Mason (77)



Children who achieved new times for 99 Club

Archie Powell: 2 minutes 43 seconds

Maddy Gifford: 3 minutes 16 seconds

Toby Sands: 3 minutes 20 seconds

Jack Neate: 3 minutes 21 seconds

Dylan Berry: 4 minutes 28 seconds

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

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 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.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 23rd November	Sportshall Athletics
Saturday 24th November	Rowing Competition—Cardiff
Thursday 29th November	Y5 Maths Workshop (invited children only)
Friday 30th November	Advent Service—Church Handball Festival Whole School Open Afternoon
Tuesday 11th December	Infant Nativity—Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12th December	Infant Nativity
Thursday 13th December	Infant Nativity
Friday 14th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch Junior Carol Service—Church
Thursday 20th December	Advent Term ends (2.30pm) The Den (5pm)
Friday 21st December	Inset Day

Forest Schools

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

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



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

Stonehouse Junior Parkrun

Pupils are invited to attend their free 2K Parkrun which takes place every Sunday at 9am at the Oldends Lane Playing Fields. Since setting up the parkrun earlier on in the year they have an average of 35 youngsters and their parents taking part each week, they would love to see many more! Although called Stonehouse Junior Parkrun, the events are incredibly inclusive and so depending on ability, the children can run, jog or walk. Once registered with their own Parkrun barcode, the children can keep a record of how many times they have completed the course and can earn wristbands to mark when they have covered the distance of a half marathon/marathon and ultramarathon! Parents are welcome to run with their children too so it's a great opportunity to get active as a family. (Parents are not allowed to cross the finish line!)

For further information please visit their website www.parkrun.org.uk or look them up on their facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/Stonehouse-junior-parkrun-380967112372001/>.

Community Christmas Events

St Matthew's Church Christmas Fayre—Saturday 24th November

Please pop along and support this event, there will be lots of stalls including cakes, bottle tombola, books, a raffle, cards and wrapping. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available. Entrance is 20p

Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Parish Church, Stroud—Tuesday 4th December

The Choir at St Matthew's will be going along to sing at this wonderful event during lunchtime. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the children. There are over 100 trees to see and with the children singing carols, the atmosphere should get everyone into the festive spirit!

Santa Cruises at Saul Junction

During December the Cotswold Canal Trust has organised trips along the canal on a 20 minute boat trip with Santa on board the 'Endeavour'. Adults are £7 which includes a mince pie & hot drink. Children are £7 which includes a present. Pre-booking is not necessary just turn up and have fun! All the proceeds to the restoration funds.

