



# Newsletter 11

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

23rd November 2018

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

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching our new website very soon all being well before Christmas! We are working closely with an experienced web designer to create a bespoke, interactive up to date website that's easy for everyone to use. With this in mind on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will have a photographer in school all morning to take photos of the school and of the children. Some of the photos will be staged and some will be of the children in class or in the playground. We will be making some special requests such as asking the children to bring their musical instruments on that day.

If you would prefer your child not to be part of the website please let us know.

The new website will contain many new interactive elements and specific class pages. On the class pages we'll be writing weekly updates to give parents an understanding of what the children in each class will be covering in Maths and English every week. We hope you will find this useful, please bear in mind that the paragraph will you give you the teachers intention however, we have to respond to the children's needs throughout the week and so the intention can be different to the outcome! Whilst we are waiting for the website to be launched the updates will be sent out through the dojo. All staff work on their planning for the week at different times, mostly at the weekend. This being the case all updates will be sent out by Monday morning. Again, please bear with us, this is a new initiative and whilst we do our best to juggle all the balls we do at times drop one or two. If the update does not appear by Monday evening, please let the office know and I will give staff a very gentle reminder and a piece of cake.

Please find attached the Parent Champion meeting minutes from the Key Stage 2. Thank you to all the parents that came, it was a very enjoyable meeting.

The next meetings will be after Christmas:

Key Stage 1: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at the earlier time of 7pm

Key Stage 2: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January again at the earlier time of 7pm

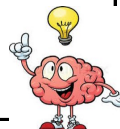
Everyone is welcome however, if you would like to discuss anything on a one to one basis please do come and see me before these meetings, don't feel you have to wait. We do also have the coffee mornings with Mrs Bateman, that are proving to be very popular.

Thank you once again for all your on-going support.

Best wishes,  
Gina Thomson

### 'Trust'

"The best proof of love is trust!"



### Parking by the Church

Could we please ask parents to avoid parking along Church Road, (by St Matthew's Church) when dropping off or collecting children. Parents are parking on the kerb on both sides of the road which is making it difficult for people to cross as they can't see between the parked cars. This road gets very congested and our concern is that if we needed the emergency services they would not be able to get through the cars. We suggest that you park in Victory Park carpark. We appreciate your support with this.

### Individual Health Care Plan

With last weeks newsletter we included a form for parents to fill in if their child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, and although you may have filled one in last year we do need you to fill in a new one this year.

All medical conditions including: Asthma, Eczema, Allergies, Hearing or Eye conditions, etc are important for us to be aware of. Please fill in a form and return to school by Monday 26th November.



## 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, '22' Club and '99' Club badges this week:

### 5 Club

Y1: Megan Bottrill, Austin Clark, Daisy Hughes

### 10 Club

Y1: Robyn Beattie, Maisy Haddock

Y2: Alfie Cowley, Lily Tufft, Evelyn Hocking, Oona Smith

### 11 Club

Y2: Caitlin Hughes, Chloe Flight, Freya White, Harley Yearwood, Rufus Clark, Ray Rossiter

### 22 Club

Y2: Seb Smith

### This week—99 Club

Y3: Nathaniel Regel (44), Oliver Chandler (22), Jacob Beale (11), Maxie Baxter (11)

Y4: Evie Pearce (88), Dylan Walker (66), Lily Embling (44), Gracey Selway (44), Gracie Heaton (44)

Y5: Harley Andrew (99), Caitlyn Oates (99), Freya Daffern (55)

Y6: Marnie Hansford (99), Tayla Handbury (88), Osian Smith (77), Lola Eager (77), Thomas Partt (66)

### Children who achieved new times for 99 Club

Y4: Ava Pullinger 2 minutes 40 seconds, Tobias Barnfield 2 minutes 47 seconds, Olivia Smith 3 minutes 11 seconds

Y5: Leo Wilkins 2 minutes, Tom Johansson 2 minutes 30 seconds

Y6: Archie Powell 2 minutes 28 seconds, Issy Marsh 2 minutes 43 seconds, Bobby Green 2 minutes 46 seconds, Lucy Heaton 2 minutes 58 seconds, Hayden Cooke 3 minutes, James Price 3 minutes 10 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:

Year 3: Wednesday 28th November,

Year 4: Wednesday 5th December

Year 5 & 6: Wednesday 12th December.

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

### Christmas Lunch—

#### Wednesday 19th December

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their child's Christmas lunch choice. If you haven't there is still time. Please fill in the form at the bottom of the letter that was sent home last week and return it 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.

### Weekly Whole School Attendance

# 97%

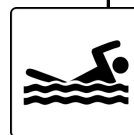


### Relief Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in applying for this position. If you think this could be you, please come to the office for a chat with Andie Fuller.

### Y4 Swimming

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



### Woody's Quiz

If you haven't already done so could you please make sure you return your child's quiz sheet by 7th December.



### Library Helpers

We are still in desperate need of help with our Library. If you are available to help for one afternoon per week to assist us with booking library books in and out for the children, and generally supervising the children whilst they choose a book, we would really like to hear from you. Please either pop to the office or give us a call. Thank you.



### Forest Schools

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

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 warm, waterproof clothing in a named bag with wellington boots - they will be going outside whatever the weather.

### Stonehouse School Trustees

Do you live in Stonehouse or Cainscross? Do you need financial support for Education & Training? Are you 25 and under? If you think you could benefit from a grant please write to Stonehouse School Trustees either by email to [info@stonehouseschooltrustees.org.uk](mailto:info@stonehouseschooltrustees.org.uk) or by letter to: Clerk to the Trustees, 28 Meadow Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. GL10 2HL

#### Dates for your Diary:

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
Monday 3rd December	Tag Rugby Festival (invited children only)
Tuesday 4th December	Christmas Tree Festival—Choir
Tuesday 11th December	Infant Nativity—Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12th December	Infant Nativity
Thursday 13th December	Infant Nativity
Friday 14th December	PTA Christmas Sparkle
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



### Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 23rd November 2018	
Year R	Roman Thomas
Year 1	Sophie Dix
Year 2	Seb Smith
Year 3	Jacob Beale
Year 4	Ava Pullinger
Year 5	The Whole Class
Year 6	Adam Frusher