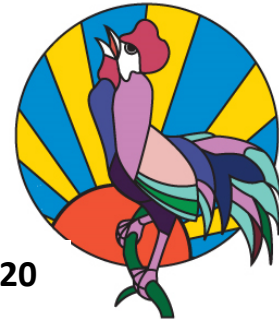


St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

25th September 2020



Dear Parents

This week we have talked about Peace, marking International Peace Day 2020, recalling how Jesus spoke of bringing peace as well as others who have followed his example in striving for peace. We learned that Mother Teresa lived her life bringing peace, saying *"Peace begins with a smile"* and *"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."* We found out that the Hebrew word for peace is Shalom, which refers to a sense of wholeness and wellbeing. We practised saying this word and decided together to be peace makers and create opportunities to smile and be friendly in our community, focusing on our own and others' wellbeing.

Well done to the following children for their 'Being Responsible' certificate from home: to Mollie for watering all of daddy's plants when he was stuck in a traffic jam; to Ralph for looking after his dog, Winnie; Libby for helping her friend come in to school; Barney for getting himself dressed and helping his sister too; George for reading to Lily and making sure she saw the pictures; Bella putting her plate in the dishwasher without being asked; Ayla happily doing her first set of spellings homework; Elise for helping to keep her brother safe in the playground; Mimi for getting braver in her swimming lessons and jumping in; Indie for knowing not to drop litter but also to be cautious about picking up others' litter; Lola for showing her sister how to be careful with pencils; Arthur for playing nicely with Stanley's friends and helping daddy build a fire; Elliot for listening to his mum and leaving the park when he had to and his friends were still there; Leia for showing such lovely manners; Caspar for helping so carefully with emptying the dishwasher; Arlo for working very hard on his spellings; Lucas for clearing away after meals and bringing mummy the paper; Dylan for teaching his sister how to read; Poppy for sharing the bread she had for ducks with other children – her own idea; Gabriele for taking such good care of his brother and teaching him to play and speak; Millie for getting dressed and ready first in the morning; Jackson for saying thank you for something he already had so that he was thoughtful about another's feelings; and Daniel for helping mummy every Saturday with the shopping and for being so helpful. Super everyone!!!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who attended the online safeguarding training yesterday evening – it is lovely to have so many amazingly helpful and supportive parents who are able to have the time to help at school. We recognise that not everyone is able to do this and that parents support in many other ways too, so we are very lucky – thank you to Lisa Rowledge, who has taken over as PTA secretary this week and is already doing a brilliant job. We would still love to welcome any volunteers for the chair / vice chair roles.

Parking has been brought to my attention this week. Firstly, can I thank parents for no longer using the staff car park (permission is always needed for car park use - apart from collection from Penny's After School Club at the end of the day). A further reminder to parents is to please use the Cricketers car park as much as you can, and to definitely avoid parking across driveways, on pavements and in the T junction area of Deacon Close.

We are currently recruiting for Breakfast and After School Clubs as they are increasingly popular, and we aim to provide these clubs to all parents who need them. Please can you pass the word around in any community that you are part of as these are always difficult positions to fill due to the slightly different hours from the norm. These are the Eteach links:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-supervisor-1112455>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1112453>

We are following government DfE guidelines and keeping our learning areas well-ventilated but now that the weather has grown colder, it is going to mean that the school is colder. Please can children have extra layers underneath and girls wear tights so that they can be warm while the windows and doors are open on cold days. We will keep an eye on how cold the school is getting as autumn turns to winter. Teachers will be wrapping up warmly too!

As a healthy school, we have turned from children giving out sweets on their birthday to the birthday child donating a book to the class and this has had the added beneficial effect of great story books being shared with the class, further promoting a love of reading. Please ask your class teacher for a list or recommendation as I know that there will be some books on a wish list that link to authors and themes that are part of the class learning in literacy and topics.

Well done to Bella B-D and Amelie B-D for finishing their sticker charts this week.
Have a great weekend

Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



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| Rabbits: | Bella B-M for coming into school happily with her friends 😊 |
| Otters: | Barney for trying so hard with his sentence writing – well done! |
| Badgers: | Wilf for always being ready! |

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| Wisdom Award: | R – Harrison for fantastic tidying up. O – Mae for doing legendary lining up so beautifully. B – Allie for being a very responsible member of Badger class. |
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| Golden Tickets | Wilf S, Caitlin, Charlotte T, Harrison, Charlie K, Jackson, Grace Mo and Isabella |
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DIARY DATES

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| Wednesday 30 th September | Queen Victoria drama workshop – Year 1 Edith Cavell drama workshop – Year 2 |
| Thursday 1 st October | Individual school photos – all children during the school day |
| Friday 2 nd October | 10.30am Virtual Open Morning for prospective families |



FOOTBALL CLUB

We still have spaces for Year 2 football club which starts after half term. Please sign up at

www.sportsstarsuk.com

FUNDRAISING

Two great ways to help fund raise for St Matthew's that are easy to set up and cost free to you.....



St Matthew's is registered with Easyfundraising which you can use whilst online shopping. It is very easy to set up on your browser and raises additional funds for the school, that is cost free to you!

Information about how it works can be found with this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works>

There is a mobile app you can shop through and/or you can download a helpful donation reminder onto laptops/desktops so that anytime you shop that could trigger a donation it will remind you to apply it with just one click. This is really worthwhile doing for big spend items - weekly food shops, holidays, insurance, new mobile, etc.

Please register your email on the easyfundraising site using St Matthew's School Fund - Cobham as your good cause. Setting this as your home page is another good way to remember!



Amazon Smile

St Matthew's is now registered with Amazon smile. This means every time you shop on Amazon, a donation will be made to St Matthews school!

Please follow this link to set it up on your Amazon:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/117492-0>

Do spread the word amongst family too., Thank you.