

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



Dear parents

This week Reverend Elisabeth talked to the children about how Jesus told stories to teach his messages and that he would use words to paint a picture of what he meant. She told us that God is like a gardener who waters and feeds his plants, and that He provides strong roots for us – so that we can be a harvest, growing things like responsibility, kindness and love.

Thank you to Allie and Mae for being my assembly helpers this week and for saying our school words at the beginning and end of our assemblies. Thank you, Allie, for preparing a wonderful acrostic Harvest poem and for reading it out to the school – your handwriting is beautiful, and you read it so clearly :)

**H** is for harvesting the crops that we eat.  
**A** is for Autumn changing the trees.  
**R** is for remembering those in need.  
**V** is for the values that harvest means.  
**E** is for eating the delicious food.  
**S** is for the seeds that took time to grow.  
**T** is for thanking the farmers for all they do.

Well done to the following children for their Being Responsible certificate from home this week: to Elliot for helping to take the cats to the vets and carrying their treatments; to India for helping her brother with his reading books; to Poppy for helping to weed and clear leaves without being asked; to Finn for practising his spelling words every day; to Rocco for getting himself dressed in the morning for school; to Harrison for keeping his bedroom clean – even hoovering and dusting; to Hugo for showing kindness to Xavier in Rabbits, looking after him so marvellously (thank you from Xavier's parents); and to Beau for getting himself dressed in the morning for school. You are all so good at being responsible!

We are very lucky at St Matthew's to be taking part in the Virgin Money Giving London Mini-Marathon over the next two weeks – thanks to Lisa Rowledge, Rabbits parent, who works for London Marathon. On Monday the children watched a video clip of Dani Nimmock, marathon runner, telling us all about how she got into running and also inspiring us to have a go.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOHJbH8dDNc&feature=youtu.be>

More information will come out on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – but the most important thing is for **all children to have suitable footwear for the common for the next 2 weeks, starting from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.** With all the rain forecast, the common will be muddy so please send walking boots / trainers in a plastic bag. The intention is for children to run a course of 2.6 miles during their PE lessons – Rabbits may run a little, Otters a bit more and Badgers may really go for it! The most important thing is that everyone will do the course in their own way, because overall, what matters is being out there and enjoying a healthy activity together. Added to that, we can raise money for St Matthew's!

It is with disappointment that we are unable to do our usual Harvest Assembly for parents, which would have taken place next week. We are looking at different ways of classes doing any performances / assemblies for parents going forwards. Singing remains a tricky issue, so there are still some things that we need to consider as

we make any plans. We have contacted Cobham Food Bank as we always have a Harvest collection for them, and they have informed us that they will have greater need for our contribution in November. Please can you put Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November in your diary as our Harvest donation date. We will let you know the sorts of items that the food bank would be pleased to receive nearer the time.

As the weather is increasingly cooler, please remember to send your child in wearing a thermal layer under their uniform as we need to maintain good ventilation in the school by keeping windows and doors open.

We have a remote learning plan in place for any children who are missing school due to having Covid -19 or who are having to isolate because they have been in contact with someone else who has tested positive. This will be available for individuals or groups / classes - from day 2 of notification via our SeeSaw platform, which enables parents and children to access learning resources and to share the work done for feedback. Please let us know if you have any IT or connectivity issues that will affect you accessing this learning, and if you are unable to print the resources - by emailing the office [admin@stmatthewsschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmatthewsschool.co.uk) . We will send you our Remote Learning Information for Parents early next week

Thank you to parents who have let me know they are keen to keep their current DBS by attending a safeguarding training session – the date to let me know by is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, after which I will send out a final date for this training.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Hutt

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	Wilfred for excellent sharing. That is incredibly kind of you!
<b>Otters:</b>	Millie for super enthusiastic attitude in all you do.
<b>Badgers:</b>	Jena for always being ready, respectful and safe.

	<b>Wisdom Award:</b>	R – Isabella and Zac for doing a great job tidying up the outside area.
		O – Hayley for always being so adaptable – what a lovely mature and responsible attitude you have.
		B – Hugo for helping a classmate with their reading.

<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Wilf S and Joshua D'E Charlotte Th
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## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	7.45pm Year 1 School Admissions process for Year 3 via zoom
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am Virtual Open morning for prospective parents



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St Matthew's is registered with Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile. If you set them up on your browser, you will raise funds for St Matthews every time you shop! Please spread the word amongst friends and family too, thank you!



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

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**Turn Pebbles into Seeds**

Paint a vegetable inspired pebble  
Pick up a free pebble from one of our centres. You are welcome to use your own smooth pebble or rustic stone. Paint your favourite vegetable at home. Why not give it a little face too!

Receive a free pack of seeds  
Once you've painted your pebble, bring it back to us. Visit the information desk to hand in your entry and receive a free pack of seeds in exchange. Your pebble will take pride of place in our display!

Grow your seeds  
Take your seeds home and nurture them well.

Share your growing seeds with us on social media @SquiresGC and use the hashtag #PebblesToSeeds @OneSquires

Seeds provided by Fothergill and Thompson & Morgan.

\*This is not a school  
\*Seeds subject to availability. Please check our website for details.  
\*Monday 10th only (One pebble and pack of seeds per child)  
\*Please ensure your pebbles are suitable. Please. Pebbles cannot be returned.  
\*Max. pebble size: 1.5cm square  
\*Max. age: 10 years  
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**CREATE & GROW**

**Paint a Pebble**

Receive a free pack of seeds

Thu 1 Oct – Sun 8 Nov

Free home craft & gardening activity

Includes Cherry

**SQUIRES**  
main centre