

St. Matthew's

Church of England Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2020



Dear Parents

This week we learned that now is the time of year when Jewish communities will be celebrating their Harvest Festival, known as Sukkot. During Sukkot, Jewish families like to eat outdoors in shelters built out of branches and decorated with fruit. This reminds them to be thankful and to remember the time that God's people spent in the desert on their epic journey to a new home. God provided for them in amazing ways and Sukkot is a way of remembering the promise that God made to them. We thought about the things that we are thankful for, such as school, family, friends, and the food we eat.

Well done to the following children for their Responsibility Certificates from home: to Harrison for remembering all of his belongings every morning and evening for school; to Libby for waiting patiently for her friend Joshua so they could walk in to school together; to Mia for working so hard on her spellings and getting them all correct last week!; to Isabella for helping so much with her dog Rocky, walking and feeding him and remembering his medicine; to Grace Mo for looking after mummy when she was poorly; to Alexander for getting ready for school quickly and practising his spellings – without being asked; to Evie for getting ready on her own, waiting for the right time and helping her brother to get dressed; to Zac for working hard with Liz on his letter 'a'; to Daniel for helping to clear out the loft, carrying boxes, sorting them and tidying them up again; and to Jena for looking after her tropical fish and feeding them at the right time. You are all amazing at being responsible!

The children have been very excited to make a start on running their 2.6 miles for the Virgin Mini London Marathon and they have been excited to meet the super mascot '2.6' who was made especially for St Matthew's – thank you to Ann of *Handmade Workshops* for this wonderful character. The children are proud to be wearing their running bibs and they will all receive a certificate for completing the run. They are running around the perimeter of the common in their PE lessons this week and are trying very hard to reach the 2.6 miles. We also are really lucky that Lisa has obtained and donated some signed bibs from key runners in the London Marathon – Bridgid Kosgei (Kenya) 2020 Womens Winner; Shura Kitata (Ethiopia) 2020 Mens Winner; Nikita Den Boer (Netherlands) Womens Wheelchair Winner; Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya) 2019 Mens Winner and fastest marathon runner in the world, running 01:59:40 for his marathon win in Vienna in 2019; and Kenenisa Bekele (Ethiopia) the second fastest marathon runner in the world. Thank you, Lisa – I have learned a lot there! I will share the bibs with the children in assembly on Monday and we will make a display of them in school along with pictures of our own runners :)

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to help as marshals and to those who have helped to set up the fundraising page. The link for this is: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stmatthewscofe>

Our parents' evenings are taking place via zoom this term and most parents have signed up already – do contact the office for a slot if you have not yet done so. We will send books home for parents next weekend to look through before the zoom meetings – please return them all by the Monday morning. It is necessary for slots to be 10 minutes and for teachers to be able to stick to this, so if you have specific questions or concerns please let them know before-hand and if the teacher feels more time is needed then a separate appointment may be made. Parents' evening is an opportunity to find out about your child's progress and wellbeing, and to be given targets that your child is working on in reading, writing and maths.

Today we are sending our Remote Learning Contingency Plan to parents, which sets out how we are able to support learning at home should a child need to isolate due to having covid symptoms, covid themselves or a family member

having covid. We hope very much not to be sending full classes home or to have any school closure, but it is important to have this contingency in place – and to have it in place for individual cases.

I am doing a final Safeguarding Training for Volunteers at 7:45pm on Tuesday 13th October on zoom. I have sent the link to parents who have requested it – do let me know if you have not received it and were expecting to, or if you would like to be included. Attending this annual training is necessary if you would like to volunteer at St Matthew's.

Tuesday 13th is the last day for ordering your child's Christmas card for printing via Cauliflower cards:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

Well done to Charlotte T, Wilfred c and Isabella BM for finishing their sticker charts this week.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Hutt

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



SUPERSTARS

Rabbits:	All of Rabbits for doing such a great job when running and walking during our mini marathon – Sport stars in the making!
Otters:	Mia for always giving everything a good go – well done!
Badgers:	Sienna, so many thoughtful and fabulous answers this week.

Wisdom Award:



R – Caspar, Charlotte Th and Gabriele for being incredibly kind and thoughtful class friends and helping other children in our class. Wow!
O – Elise for taking responsibility for improving your work by using your red pen.
B – Julia for listening to instructions so well and helping others.

Golden Tickets

Gabriele, Scarlett and Isabella BM



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 th October	Last day for ordering Cauliflower cards 7.45pm Safeguarding training zoom call
Thursday 15 th October	Badgers trip to Kew Gardens



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