

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

### Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents

This week we have been taking part in Anti-Bullying week activities, celebrating our differences, recognising that everyone is different, and everyone is equal. We know that it is good to be different and it is good to be yourself and proud of who you are. The children enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday and could explain that wearing them was a way of celebrating and appreciating our differences. Today the children have met Toby from the charity 'Just Different' and have found out that his Cerebral Palsy means that he uses a wheelchair to get around and a computer to help him talk. They discovered that Toby does a lot of things differently in his daily life, but also lots of things that are the same as what they need to or like to do.

Well done to the following children for their Responsibility Certificate from home this week: to Daniel for all of his help on the allotment – helping daddy to make the raised beds and following instructions to use the drill; to Joshua B for looking after and walking his friend's dog, Bailey, especially as he is usually a bit scared of dogs; to Charlie for reminding his mum and dad that he needs to read his school books; and to Jackson for helping his little sister get changed and for always protecting her. Well done everyone!

Thank you to George, Gracie and Madeleine for their thoughtful contributions to our assemblies about diversity and anti-bullying this week. George wrote and shared a wonderfully illustrated prayer:

*Dear God, thank you for making everyone different and for looking after us all, whether we are big, small or disabled. Amen.*

Gracie drew a picture of children around the world with a prayer:

*Dear God, thank you for making us different and for making the world a special place. Amen.*

Madeleine wrote a thoughtful prayer and shared a lovely poem about being different:

*Dear God, please help us to be different in some way. If we were all the same, it would be boring, and some things wouldn't be invented.*

They shared their prayers with the school in today's celebration assembly :)

We also have some home-made golden tickets by children for children: from Hayley to Gracie, *Thank you for being a good friend*; and from Primrose to Bella, *Thank you for being a good friend*.

On Wednesday evening, Michael Follett - OPAL consultant, did a zoom talk for parents on our school vision for developing our playground. Thank you to the parents who joined us for this session and for your questions. I did record the session but unfortunately, the recording has not been successful, so I am unable to offer that to parents as I had hoped.

Next week is Road Safety Week and on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November it is 'Wear Something Bright' day. Children are invited to add something bright to their uniform, for example a hi-viz jacket / arm bands / bright hat, so that we can share the message of wearing something bright to be seen in the dark.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we are having our Cobham Food Bank harvest collection – they are going to let us know on Monday what they would really appreciate as donations, and we will send out a list once we know.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, children will be bringing home their Christmas Fair bag to replace our Christmas fair this year. They will get the chance to enjoy some of the Christmas fair games on their party day at the end of term.

A big thank you to the Ramadan family who spent time working on our outside areas last weekend – thank you Ayla, Leo, Saira and Ben for all of the leaf clearing and putting our den seats together!

Well done to Charlie for finishing his sticker chart this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hutt

## AWARDS OF THE WEEK



<b>Rabbits:</b>	Charlotte Th for explaining your learning of all aspects of school at home.
<b>Otters:</b>	Hayley for being an all round superstar and super listening and always trying your hardest as well as being kind.
<b>Badgers:</b>	Mollie for always working really hard and presenting your work beautifully with wonderful drawings.

<b>Wisdom Award:</b>	R – Evie for always trying your best and taking care in all your activities. O- Daniel for having a responsible and mature attitude on anti-bullying day. B – Madeleine and Hugo for showing great responsibility helping to clear the leaves at playtime.
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<b>Golden Tickets</b>	Daniel B, Joshua D, Wilfred D, Barney and Grace Mo. Also Leo and Ayla R!
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## DIARY DATES

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	PTA raffle tickets will be sent home in bookbags
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Day – wear something bright
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Harvest Collection for Cobham Food bank – drop off at 9am at school WW1 Workshops for YR1&2 Elmbridge Museum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	'Christmas Fair in a Bag' for the children



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