



St Matthew's School Newsletter

15th February 2019

Kwik Sticks Hockey Champions... and Runners Up!

St Matthew's enjoyed great success in this year's Kwik Sticks Hockey competition at Trumpington College this week. We entered two teams and both teams came top of their qualifying groups, both winning six matches and drawing one, to reach the semi-finals. The B team won their semi-final and then ran over to the other pitch where the A team were locked at 0-0 and entering extra time. A last minute "golden goal" secured an all St Matthew's final with a place at the county finals at stake for the winning team. The final also went to extra time where the A-team scored another "golden goal" to win the competition outright. It was a tremendous effort by both teams who also showed exemplary sporting behaviour throughout. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to cheer the team on and to Lisa Woolf and Chris Germon for their help coaching the team.



Save Our Oceans and Other Activities

The children have been working busily for the "Save Our Oceans" Project set up by our School Council. Volunteers from Anglia Ruskin came into school to help run art workshops for the

children around the theme of plastics in our oceans. The children's art work will be on display in the Sports Hall for parents to view after school (from 3:20pm) on the following dates:

- Thursday 28th March - Art Gallery for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Friday 29th March - Art Gallery for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

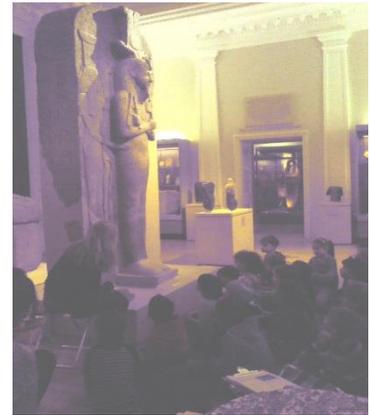


Parents will have the opportunity to buy their children's artwork to raise funds for recycling bins for the school. More details will follow.

There has been plenty of other activity going on across the school in the last few weeks. Hawthorn and the other Year 3 classes visited the Fitzwilliam museum recently - to find out more about Ancient Egypt



While we didn't have much snow in February, when it came the children in Nursery were keen to make the most of what there was! We all bundled up in our coats and ventured outside. The children had a fantastic time making footprints in the snow, scooping up snowballs and even making snow angels!



The children helped to prepare the drinks and really enjoyed having a hot drink together - they were especially excited about the marshmallows!

Super Saturdays!

We are pleased to announce the launch of Super Saturdays. These are free fun trips for Pupil Premium Children and their families, in and around Cambridge led by Poppy Ball from Kids R Us.

We began a couple of weeks ago with an excellent trip to the Museum of Zoology who kindly put on a craft workshop for the children.

The next dates will be: Saturday 9th March and then Saturday 6th April. Details and times will follow soon.

If anyone has contacts in the Cambridge Museums or nearby attractions and could help to put us in contact with future venues for trips we would be very grateful. Please get in touch with Sarah Barratt- Pupil Premium Co-ordinator via the school office.

Meet the Head

Our "Meet the Head" events are opportunities for the parents to meet with Mr Davies, ask questions, give suggestions and discuss issues to do with our school community. They are also opportunities for the school to share new policies and practice with parents. We have two "Meet the Head" events coming up next half term.

The first will be on Friday 8th March, 8:55am to 9:55am. This will share some of the changes we have made to behaviour management at St Matthew's in the last term, plus a look at the "Character Education" curriculum that we are developing.

The second meeting will be on Friday 22nd March, 8:55am to 9:55am. This will look at some of the changes to how we are teaching mathematics, in particular looking at the "Maths Mastery" approach.



World Book Day - 7th March 2019

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A reminder that it is world Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As usual, children (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Also on that day we are delighted to have Vashti Hardy coming to the school to do an assembly for all Key Stage Two children and run workshops for the Year Four classes. Vashti has been nominated for this year's Waterstones Children's Book Prize. We are still planning other activities. Thanks to the PTA for helping to fund the day's events.

Three Reminders

Punctuality – please remember that the start of the school day is 8:45am. We ask parents to ensure that their children are lined up ready to go into class just before this time. Children arriving late not only miss out on their education but also disturb other children's education when they arrive. Arriving just before the gate closes at 8:55am means that your child is already 10 minutes late and not having the best start to their day.

Bikes in the Playground – We ask that parents do not bring bikes into the playground at the start and end of the school day as it creates an added hazard at a busy time when there are lots of buggies and young children around.

Dogs in the Playground - We have an increasing number of dogs being brought on to the school ground. Please remember that dogs are not allowed past the first set of gates at the front of school.

Dates for Your Diary

Below are some dates for the remainder of this school year.

Spring Term 2019

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Saturday 16th February to Friday 24th February, 2019	
Parent Consultations	Thursday 28 th February 2019, 3:40 to 7:30 Tuesday 5 th March 2019, 3:40 to 5:30
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2019
Meet the Head	Friday 8 th March 2019, 8:55am
National Science and Engineering Week	Saturday 9 th March to Monday 18 th March 2019
Meet the Head	Friday 22 nd March 2019, 8:55am
Year Four Residential	Wednesday 3 rd April to Friday 5 th April
Last Day of School - Spring Term Closes	Friday 5 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Training Day – school closed for children	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
School starts for children	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 6 th May 2019
Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week	Monday 13 th May until Thursday 16 th May 2019
HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2019	
School starts for children	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Year One Phonics Screening Check Week	Monday 10 th June to Friday 14 th June 2019
Year Six Residential	Monday 1 st July to Friday 5 th July
Sports Day	Tuesday 18 th June 2019
Last Day of School - Summer Term closes	Wednesday 24 th July 2019

And finally below you can find the term dates for the 2019-202 academic year.

Autumn Term 2019

Training Day, School closed to children	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
School starts for children (note staggered start for Nursery and Reception children – see information on your admission information)	Thursday 5 th September, 2019
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Saturday 19th October to Sunday 27th October 2019	
Autumn Term Closes (last day of school)	Wednesday 18 th December, 2019

Spring Term 2020

Training Day, school closed to children	Monday 6 th January 2020
School starts for children	Tuesday 7 th January, 2019
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Saturday 15th February to Sunday 23rd February 2020	
Spring Term Closes (last day of school)	Wednesday 1 st April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Training Day	Monday 20 th April 2020
School starts for children	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 4 th May 2020
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May 2020	
School starts for children	Monday, 1 st June, 2020
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2020

We hope you have an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 25th February.