



St Matthew's School Newsletter 12th February 2016

“Our Cambridge” – International Week at St Matthew's



Last week was 'Our Cambridge' week at St Matthew's. It was a busy week with lots going on for all year groups, to celebrate the diverse wealth of nationalities and cultures both at St Matthew's and in Cambridge. There were visits to museums, King's College, the local mosque and an exploration of the different cultures that make up Mill Road. Children have also had the opportunity to find out about different aspects of Cambridge through visits to the Learning Bus where they have been involved in hands-on activities.

We were also visited by Year 7 and 8 pupils from Parkside who brought both Japanese and South American drumming to St Matthew's in a very exciting workshop for the Year 6 children, who then performed for the rest of the school. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to the Parkside students and Joe Crane and his staff for such enthusiastic performances!

We also enjoyed Friday Feast to celebrate the end of the week. Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers who contributed food and treats from around the world for children to try. As well as local food, we also had food from France, Poland, China, Japan, South Africa, Portugal, Italy, Ireland, India and America to name but a few.

Thank you for the amazing response and to all the parents who contributed their time and efforts to come in to school to talk to the children, sing songs with them and take the time to talk about their own countries. Your contributions were very much appreciated by the children and staff.

You can view a selection of images from "Our Cambridge" week on our website at www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/our_cambridge_international_week/.

Mrs Bushen, Mrs Collard Miss Cercil and Ms Ingersent

Parent Governor Elections

The governing body of St Matthew's School is looking to elect two new parent governors by the end of the Spring term 2016. We would welcome and encourage anyone who has parental responsibility for a child at the school to stand as a parent governor. We are particularly keen, this time, to increase the diversity of our governing body in order to reflect the composition of the school as a whole.

We will be holding elections next half term. Every adult with parental responsibility for a child at the school has one, anonymous, vote in the election.

This is an exciting time for St Matthew's: the school continues to grow and a new School Development Plan is in place; the Governors play a crucial, important role.

Please look out for the letter from our Chair of Governors, Zoe Thorn, for more information, or check out the governor pages on our website –

www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/spring_2016_parent_governor_election/

If you think you would like to stand as an elected parent governor, please contact our Chair of Governors, Dr Zoe Thorn, at zthorn@stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk, for more information.

Dinner Money for Next Half Term

Dinner money for next half term will be £50.40.

Remember, you can now pay online through SIMS Agora. You should have received your log in details by now. Paying this way saves you and the school lots of time, so take advantage of our new system – www.payyourschool.co.uk

All parents and carers should have received their log in details by email. Please register, even if you are not going to use the payment system immediately because your school meals are free, as soon we will be using the system to pay for school trips and other events.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the schools office.

Wheelies

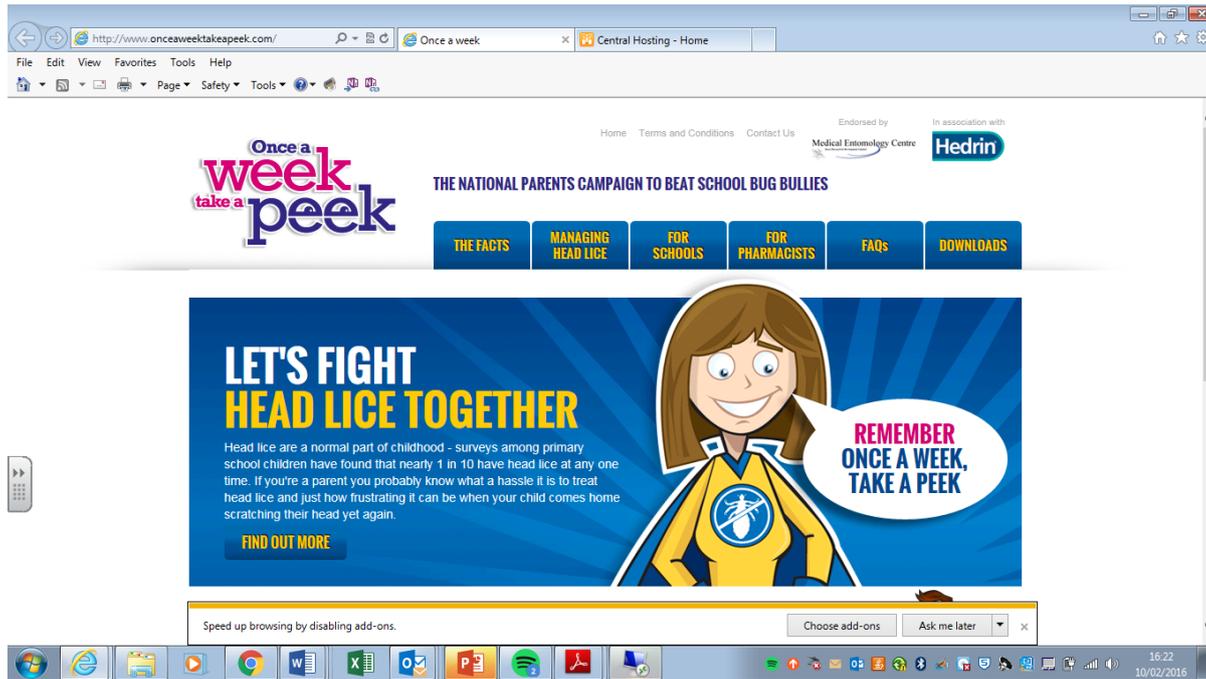
For health and safety reasons, we ask that parents do not send children to school in "wheelies" – shoes with wheels in the soles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dates for Your Diary

Next half term is short but busy as always with events such as World Book Day and National Science and Engineering Week. See below for some key dates for your diaries.

Parent Consultations	Thursday 25 th February 2014, 3:40 to 7:30 Tuesday 1 st March, 3:40 to 5:30
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March 2016
PTA World Book Day Disco	Friday 4 th March 2016
National Science and Engineering Week	Friday 11 th to Sunday 20 th March 2016
Last Day of School - Spring Term Closes	Thursday 24 th March, 2016

Once a Week, Take a Peek



Our school nurse has asked us to let parents and carers know about this website which gives advice and information about combatting headlice. Please have a look at the website and, as suggested, check your children every week for any signs. The link to the website is www.onceaweektakeapeek.com