



St Matthew's School Newsletter 16th October 2015

Thank You to the PTA

Our new playground equipment has opened to great excitement. A big thank you to the PTA for their fantastic fundraising efforts that have enabled this and other projects to be undertaken. Thanks to their fundraising efforts, we are awaiting delivery of our new lap tops to enhance our ICT teaching and work has already begun clearing and preparing the site of our new growing area. This project will be completed ready for next Spring.

It is a busy couple of weeks for the PTA with their AGM last night and then we have the Spooky Discos on the last day of term. Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication that makes such a difference to our school.



St Matthew's Awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Kite Mark

St Matthew's has become one of only eight schools in Cambridgeshire to be awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Kite Mark for 2014-2015. This is great recognition for the work we have done over the past few years to develop sport provision at St Matthew's. This has been reflected in the creation of our great



variety of sports clubs and teams, the work of our Young Sports Leaders, our intra-school and inter-school competition.

Well done to all of our staff who have shown such commitment to improving sport and physical activity opportunities in St Matthew's, and in particular to our Mr Wellington, our Primary Link Teacher for the School Sports Partnership Coordinator, and of course to Mr Collard, our Sport and Physical Education Leader.

Congratulations also to all of the children who have been elected to our new Sports Council and thank you to everyone else who applied. You can read an interview with Keir Harper, the Chair of Our Sports Council, in the latest edition of the St MATthnews, the newspaper produced by our children for our children at http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/childrens_newspaper/

Harvest Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support our Harvest Assemblies last week. The children all gave wonderful performances. We raised £108 for the Cambridge Foodbank from our sale of the fresh produce donated to our Harvest table, and we collected many boxes of non-perishable food which will be donated to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

Thank you for all your donations.

Start and End of the School Day

A reminder that the school day starts at 8:45 in the morning. While the gate does not close until 8:55, children arriving after 8:45 are likely to miss registration and may disrupt learning, so please try to be punctual.

It also helps us to keep our children safe if parents can leave the school playground after dropping off before the gate closes. This is for Nursery and Reception parents as well as the rest of the school.

At the end of the day we are going to start ringing a bell to let parents know when the gate is going to be locked. It would really help us if all parents could leave the playground when the bell rings so we can secure the site to keep those still in school safe.

Meet the Head Next Friday 23rd October, 9am to 10am

A reminder that next Friday morning we will be having a "Meet the Head" event to outline changes to the assessment processes used nationally and how St Matthew's is implementing these changes. We will share information and answer questions from parents and carers. The meeting will also help us write the summary

information for parents that will be on our website shortly after to explain the changes. We hope to see you there.

News from the Governors

Our Parent and Carer Surveys showed that parents would like more information about the work of the governing body.

Our Chair of Governors, Zoe Thorn, has just finalised our Annual Governance Statement which sets out the work that the governors carried out last year and looks to the work for the year ahead. It can be found on our website at

http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/annual_governance_statements/

STEAM Family Fun Day Tomorrow

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

Attached to this newsletter are details of a STEAM Family Fun Day at the Spinney School tomorrow from 1pm to 4pm.

STEAM* Family Funday
*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths

free

fundraising by The Friends of The Spinney

Activities:

- Ukuleles
- Rockets
- Lego
- Smart Birds
- Raspberry Pi
- Wood Carving
- Centrifugal painting
- Newspaper engineering
- Singing
- Coding
- Fibonacci
- The Big Draw
- Hair braiding
- Robocrocodiles
- Nature Awareness
- STEAM themed food*

When: Saturday 17th October 2015, 1PM—4PM

Where: The Spinney Primary School, CB1 9PB

Want to know more? Visit: steamco.org.uk/the-spinney/

Or email: syoung@spinney.cambs.sch.uk

THE KITE TSA CAMBRIDGE

THE BIG DRAW

campaign for learning

STEAM 2

Please note - Our funding relies on collecting data from attendees. Families will be asked complete a simple registration form.