



St Matthew's School Newsletter 28th April 2017

Boys Football Team – League Champions!

Our boys football team have been crowned League Champions for the third year in a row. The team played superbly, winning every one of their seven matches in the competition. That makes it sound easy, but the team had to be at their very best to win some of their games, winning one match with the very last kick of the game.

Well done to all of the team, and a special thanks to Chris Germon for his excellent coaching. Thank you also to all of the parents who turned up to cheer the team on.

Next up for the team will be the Champions League Finals on 15th May. Before then, our Girls' Football team will be taking part in their own league competition on 8th May.



School Funding Campaign

Thank you to all of those parents who responded to the National Funding Formula consultation last term. The campaign for a properly funded education system continues.

The front page of today's Daily Mirror was about an open letter written by Russell Hobby, General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, about the funding crisis that schools are facing. The letter has been signed by over 500 head teachers already, including Tony Davies, head teacher here at St Matthew's, and many Cambridgeshire heads.

Tony Davies will be speaking at a rally organised by the National Union of Teachers on 9th May at the NCI Sports and Social Club. Other speakers will be Kevin Courtney (NUT General Secretary), Rikke Waldau (Head Teacher at the Field's Children's Centre) and a speaker from the national parent campaign, Fair Funding for All Schools (<http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org/>).

You can sign the Fair Funding for All Schools petition here - <https://www.change.org/p/stop-school-funding-cuts-all-our-children-deserve-a-great-education>

Calling all parents, governors, school staff!

**From nursery schools to sixth forms –
stopping the education funding crisis!**

Public Rally Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm

at NCI Sports and Social Club 1 Holland Street, Cambridge CB4 3DL

Speakers include: Headteachers Rikke Waldau and Tony Davies, Kevin Courtney (NUT General Secretary) & invited speaker from national parent campaign – Fair Funding for All Schools

Hosted by Cambridgeshire National Union of Teachers

Keep Your Head – Resources to Support Children and Young People's Mental Health

Mental health is a topic that now regularly features in the news. It is estimated that as many as one in ten children will be having difficulties with their mental health at any one time. We would like to draw parents and carers' attention to the "Keep Your Head" website.

The website is a central point for information on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It signposts visitors to important online information and local services on mental health and wellbeing for young people. It's for children, young people, parents, carers, teachers and other professionals.

It has some dedicated pages for young people, parents, teachers and professionals under 'How can I help myself', 'Need help now' and 'Resources'. If you are a young person,

parent/carer or professional looking for tailored advice and support, also have a look at www.youngminds.org.uk and www.wellinformed.org.uk. The 'Well Informed' site answers 5 key questions for different conditions/topics:

- What should I know?
- What works?
- How can I help?
- What do young people say?
- Where to go next?

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Welcome! Growing up can be challenging – with exams, issues with friends, changes at home or finding a job. This can affect how we feel and impact on our wellbeing and mental health. This site brings together good, reliable information on mental health and wellbeing for children and young people, parents/carers, and professionals.

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We hope you find the website useful. Should you have any concerns about any matters relating to mental health, please do raise the matter with your child's class teacher who can direct you to a member of our senior management team for advice.

School Close for Bank Holiday Monday

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed next Monday 1st May for bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 2nd May.