



St Matthew's School Newsletter 14th October 2016

Food Week at St Matthew's

Next week is Food Week at St Matthew's, with a range of activities, lessons and visits planned.

Well done to Mrs Sewell for her excellent work in leading this project, and an extra special thank you to Bee Wilson for all her time, dedication and inspiration to bring together an exciting week of activities for the children.

Activities will include:

- Meet the Head Food Week Special on Friday 21st October (see below)
- Supertaster Workshops from Bee Wilson for Years Three and Six
- Luis from Nana Mexico working with Year Four
- "You Are What You Eat" with Julia Grosse for Year Five
- Cambridge Organic Food Company working with Year One
- Idris Caldora, an old friend of the school from the "Adopt a Chef" project, will be running workshops in Year Two
- Healthy Packed Lunch Assemblies with Bee Wilson for all children
- Alex from Food Cycle will also be doing an assembly with the children
- Lunchtime UK (our school meal providers) will be running fruit and vegetable workshops for children in Nursery and Reception



As you may already have seen, our School Council have been organising a brand new fresh fruit and vegetable trolley for KS2 children.

Next week, School Council will be trialling the fruit trolley to encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables as a healthy snack. KS2 children will have the opportunity to buy fresh fruit during morning playtimes. There will be a selection of fruit and vegetables to choose from, including apples, tomatoes, oranges, bananas, carrots and raisins. The cost of an item from the trolley will be 20p.

Please note that this is for KS2 only (Year 3-6) as KS1 are already provided with their snack of fresh fruit and vegetables during the school day. Well done to the school council, supported by Mrs Lloyd, for all their hard work.

Meet the Head Food Week Special

As part of Food Week, we will be having a special “Meet the Head” on Friday 21st October at 8:55am to 10am in the Sports Hall.

Bee Wilson will be running a “Healthy Packed Lunch” Workshop for parents. Bee will be talking about how to get more vegetables into a packed lunch and how to reduce the sugar content when so many commercial lunchbox items are full of hidden sugars.

We will also be sharing a draft of our new Food Policy with parents ahead of it being discussed in a future Governing Body Meeting.

Harvest Assemblies

Thank you for your tremendous support for our Harvest Assemblies this week. We raised £135 for the Cambridge Food Bank from our sale of the fresh produce donated to our Harvest Table. The non-perishable goods that we received will be donated to Jimmy’s Night Shelter.

St Matthew’s Awarded the Sainsbury’s Silver Games Kite Mark Award

I am delighted to say that St Matthew’s has once again been awarded the Sainsbury’s School Games Silver Kite Mark award. We have achieved this for the second year in a row and we are now looking to progress to the Gold Award.

We have been analysing attendance at our sports clubs and last year 64% of children across the school took part in clubs. In Years Five, 82% of children attended a sports club, and in Year Six the figure was 93%, meaning only four children in year six did not take part in a sports club last year.

This demonstrates that our ongoing commitment to children participating in sport and physical exercise is having an excellent impact. Well done to Mick Collard for his excellent work leading in this area, and to all of the staff who give up so much of their time to run clubs for the children.



Governor News

The Full Governing Body (FGB) of St Matthew's school had their first meeting of the academic year on 29th September and all members were in attendance. The new Co-opted Staff Governors Tricia Lloyd and Christina Bates were welcomed to the meeting. The meeting re-elected Zoe Thorn as the Chair and Carole Mills as the Vice Chair unopposed.

The Headmaster presented his report which included an overview of Outcomes from the 2016 Statutory Assessments and governors were pleased to note that results were above or in line with the national averages in virtually all areas. The Teaching Learning and Outcomes Committee will look at the results in more detail in December when the RAISE Online Data Analysis reports become available to schools. The FGB were also made aware of the proposed Greater Cambridge City Deal for traffic controls in the centre of Cambridge and discussed the impact that it could have on school staffing and activities.

The Chair presented to the meeting the Annual Governance Statement, which is a summary of all the Board did in the previous year. The document was approved for display on the school website.

The FGB carried out their annual review of the school's Safeguarding Policies and the report on Safeguarding activity in the previous academic year. The FGB also reviewed and approved the School Pay Policy and the Data Protection Policy.

The FGB reviewed and agreed the School Development Plan actions for the academic year. This will regularly be reviewed by the Board.

FAO Nursery Parents

A reminder to Nursery parents that the morning session starts at 8:45am, with the gate close at 8:55am. It will really help us if parents can arrive on time and leave before the gate closes. Otherwise teaching and learning can be disrupted by adults opening the gate instead of working with the children.

Also, can parents bringing children to school on scooters either lock them to the bike rack in the main entrance to the school or take them home. We need to keep the side passage next to the Nursery clear, and some parents are leaving scooters in this area at the moment.

Thank you in advance for your help with these matters.