



## St Matthew's School Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

### Cross Country Champions for Third Year in a Row

We are delighted to announce that we have won the cross country championships for the third year in succession. The competition was expanded this year to incorporate teams from years three and four as well as the usual years five and six. 180 children participated in our trials on Parker's Piece, and 76 children competed in the finals at Netherhall School.

27 schools entered in total and the children performed superbly, supporting each other and all working incredibly hard to earn every point for the school. We came first in five of the eight team events (Year Three Girls, Year Three Boys, Year Four Girls, Year Six Girls, Year Six Boys), came second in the Year 5 Girls race, third in the Year Four Boys race and sixth in the Year 5 Boys race. A large number of parents came along to cheer us on in what was a great event to be a part of.

As well as the team events, there were individual medals for Mark Belukurov-Mora (gold), Lexi Ross (silver), Eve Seyf (Silver), Macy Dexter (bronze).



## St Matthew's School Orchestra

Our orchestra has started this half term, coming together every Friday morning at 8am. Run by Mark Tinkler and Michael Copley from the Cams Music Trust, more members are very welcome to come along and join in. Parent volunteers are more than welcome to attend also.



## No More “Mud Island”

We are delighted that we have now completed the project to install astroturf and a new pagoda on the area that became known as Mud Island in the main playground. The work has been completed and we need to wait for a few days for the ground to settle and the adhesives to dry before taking down the fences next week.



Thank you to the PTA who again raised funds to make this project possible.

## Festive Frolic 2016

Speaking of the PTA, we are all looking forward to the Winter Fair on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December after school. Volunteers have already started decorating the halls in preparation.