



St Matthew's School Newsletter, 17th July 2015

A Busy End for Year Six

Another year comes to an end with the usual flurry of activities. Yesterday saw the very wonderful Year Six Production of the Tempest performed for parents. Today is the day of the Summer Extravaganza. We also saw a fantastic assembly for parents by Mr Wellington's and Mrs Benazet's class this morning.

Next Monday we have our "Knock On" Day, when children learn who their class teachers will be next year.

We also have our leavers' assembly on Wednesday when our Year Six children will be saying their goodbyes to the school. They have been a wonderful group to have in our school. We wish them all the very best for the future.

New Playground Equipment

Speaking of the Summer Extravaganza, the fantastic fundraising efforts of the PTA, plus an anonymous donation from a parent, have enabled the school to purchase new playground equipment for the school. The children have voted on the items they wanted, and their choices will be installed during the course of next half term. Below you can see what they have chosen.



St Matthew's Parent Survey

We have had a fantastic response to our online parent survey. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete it. There are still a few days left as the survey will close on the day we break up, Wednesday 22nd July. If you have not had time yet, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/stmatthewsparentcarersurvey to take a few minutes to let us know what you think about the school and how we can improve.

Year Six "Tenner" Project

The Tenner Project, run by year 6, has been an amazing success again this year. The children work in groups, with each child being given £10 to create their own business. All profits are donated to charity.

The year 6 children worked incredibly hard to organise and run their enterprises and this was an enjoyable learning experience for them. The children would like to thank everyone who supported them by visiting their stalls. This year, we raised a phenomenal £1091.28 and it will be donated to Cancer Research, WaterAid, Camfed and Tom's Trust.

Sending Books Home

Next term we are introducing new assessment systems into the school to replace national curriculum levels. National Curriculum levels have not been statutory since the introduction of the new National Curriculum in September 2014, other than for the statutory tests in Year Two and Year Six this year. We have continued to use them during the course of this year while investigating alternatives. Next year we will be using Target Tracker in school.

We will be giving information to parents about these changes next term. This will be a big focus for our training and development in the Autumn also. To support this work, we will be holding onto more of our literacy and mathematics books from this year than we usually do. We will send them home later in the new school year.

Governor News

The final biographies of our governors have been sent out today. We hope this series has helped you know a bit more about who our governors are.

Holiday Activities

Also attached to this newsletter is information about sporting activities available locally at Parkside Pools and Gym, the Abbey Leisure Centre and the Cherry Hinton Leisure Centre. For details see the attached posters.

Lost Property

All lost property will be collected and disposed of on Tuesday 21st July. Please ensure that if you have lost an item recently you need to try to find it before then.

Finally, in this last Newsletter of the year, a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers for your wonderful support throughout the year. We hope your children enjoy the last few days of school next week and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Friday 4th September.