



St Matthew's School Newsletter 19th May 2017

St Matthew's Champions' League Winners

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Boys Football team who were crowned Champions' League Winners for the first time on Monday.

The team drew a nail-biting semi-final 1-1 against Newnham Croft before holding their nerve in the penalty shoot-out to win 4-3 and take their place in the final against Morley. The team stormed to a convincing 5-0 victory to take home the Champions' League trophy.

The victory means that St Matthew's are the very first team to win both the League and the Champions' League in the same season.

Well done to everyone involved, including Chris Germon for his brilliant coaching of the team, and a special thank you to all of the parents who came along to cheer the boys on.



St Matthew's Year 5/6 Girls' Team – Runners Up

Our Girls' Football Team were within a whisker of making it a hat trick of trophies for St Matthew's as they came second in their league competition.



The team won all of their first four matches, scoring ten goals without conceding a goal. This took them into the final deciding game against Newnham Croft who had also won their first four games. St Matthew's needed a win to top the final table as Newnham Croft had a better goal difference. In another nail-biting finish, the final score was a 2-2 draw. Well done to the girls for a superb effort and to Mr Collard for his excellent coaching of the team.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property that builds up continues to grow at a rate that is proving difficult to keep up with. From next half term we will be introducing a new system as follows:

1. Just before the end of school every Friday, the lost property trolley will be wheeled out onto the forecourt so parents and children can check for any items lost that week.
2. It will remain on the forecourt until After-School Club closes at 6:30, giving all parents the opportunity to look for anything lost.
3. After this, any remaining items will be bagged up in preparation for being donated to charity.

We hope this means that the amount of lost property that builds up will be greatly reduced, making it easier for children and parents to find any items that they are missing.

Next Friday 26th May we will clear out all current lost property, so if you have any missing items please make sure you look for them before the end of term.

Keeping the Playground Clean and Tidy

We have been talking to the children about the amount of litter in the school playground. This can become more of a problem at this time of year as children often like to eat their packed lunches outside. Unfortunately, this has led to a lot of rubbish from packed lunches ending up in the playground.

To try to help this we have asked the children to take their rubbish home with them rather than put it in the playground bins. So far the children have responded really well and the playground has looked a lot better, especially as we have teams of litter pickers keen to tidy up any rubbish that remains.

St Matthew's Term Dates, 2017-2018

Please find our term dates for 2017-2018 below.

Autumn Term 2017

Training Days, School closed to children	Monday 4 th September 2017 and Tuesday 5 th September 2017
School starts for children (note staggered start for Nursery and Reception children – see information on your admission information)	Wednesday 6 th September, 2017
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017	
Autumn Term Closes	Tuesday 19 th December, 2017

Spring Term 2018

Training Day, school closed to children	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018
School starts for children	Thursday 4 th January, 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018	
Spring Term Closes	Thursday 29 th March, 2018

Summer Term 2018

Training Day	Monday, 16 th April, 2018
School starts for children	Tuesday, 17 th April, 2018
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 7 th May, 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018	
Training Day, school closed to children	Monday, 4 th June, 2018
School starts for children	Tuesday, 5 th June, 2018
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday, 24 th July, 2018