



# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have two weeks left of this half term and would like to remind you to put in your forms for the **Harvest Scarecrow Trail**. The more scarecrows we have the more fun it will be. Please remember all the money raised will go to the Foodbank. We need to print the trail next week so need to know where the scarecrows will be. We are happy to put them on the school grounds if you don't have a space.

Thank you for observing the one way system for entering and leaving the site. This helps everyone to keep to a safe distance. We have now opened up the double gates at the end of the day to make more space. Please enter via the double gates and leave through the music garden.

The office remains closed for visitors at this time to ensure we can keep everywhere clean and safe for everyone. Please only enter the building if you are working in school. If you need to contact the office please phone or use the email [adminoffice@st-matthews.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-matthews.hants.sch.uk)

**We are continually updating our risk assessment in line with guidance and circumstances this is to ensure that we continue to be vigilant and minimise risk; whilst providing a broad curriculum.**

Remember if your child develops a continuous cough or high temperature you need to get a Covid19 test. If your child just has a runny nose and cold then they do not need testing. If in any doubt please keep them at home and get tested as soon as possible. **Please see the DFE letter – for information on when to get your children tested.**

## REMOTE LEARNING

The teachers will be posting the week's work on the website each week. If your child is awaiting a test or isolating then they will be able to continue their learning at home using the resources. The teachers will be able to feedback via the class blogs. **Please see the letter attached.**

## Achievements

**It is not too late to send in work that the children produced in 'Lockdown'. We are putting a book together to share all these achievements. Some photos of cycling, walking, cooking etc would be great too.**

## Rainbow Class

The new class have settled into St. Matthew's very well and are enjoying their time in school. We would usually have had a tea-party to welcome all the new parents but obviously can't do this at the moment. Please ask the staff or parents with older children in school if you have any questions. Your children enjoyed their 'Autumn Walk' and thought they had gone miles away when they were only at the bottom of the field! We will be taking them to the church soon for their first class trip!

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## Reading

Please keep reading regularly with your children – this has helped enormously during 'Lockdown' and many of the children are now reading much more fluently due to your continued hard work. We are purchasing some new books so that we can continue sending a few books home at a time for the younger readers.

## Extra Funding

You may have seen in the press that schools are receiving extra funding- 'Catch- up curriculum funding'. The government has allocated schools money to spend to help close any gaps that have occurred due to children not being in school for six months. This can be used to support specific curriculum areas and age groups and other areas such as emotional well-being. We have decided to use the funding to extend our 'smaller class size' approach. This involves the class teacher having a smaller class size to work with on a regular basis during the week. The other groups will be receiving quality first teaching from the music teacher, Forest School, P.E. coach, or other teacher on our team. We are not bringing in lots of different people to work with the children but have extended the hours of some of our part time teachers. This is a model we used last year and it was showing accelerated progress for the children. We hope these additional sessions will quickly address the children's needs. The Governors will be monitoring this regularly.

## Stars of the week

Names are on the weekly bulletin. We have seen fantastic attitude to learning and our theme of 'Generosity' has been demonstrated throughout the school. The new Team Captains have been very busy and have set some 'poster' challenges for your children. We would like some ideas for 'No Fly Tipping' Posters that we will print off professionally.

## HARVEST



Please remember to send in your form about your 'Harvest Scarecrow'. We hope it will make the community smile, enjoy being outside and raise money for the foodbank!

Stay safe everyone and keep smiling.

Mrs PH  
Headteacher.

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