



Monday Messenger



SPRING 2 2024

25th March

Mon 25 th March	Final Book Fair – Hall 3.10pm (Last chance to purchase a book with your token)
Tues 26 th March	Y5 Trip to Oakmoor for performance of Oliver 11.30am – 2.30pm Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball Festival – The Petersfield School 3.30pm – 5pm Governors' Full Governing Body Meeting 4 – 6.30pm
Wed 27 th March	Bring £1 to enter Ambassador's Chocolate Tombola during school day Y2, Y4 & Private Lessons - Listen 2 Me Concert (Parents by invitation only)
Thurs 28 th March	Bring £1 to enter Ambassador's Chocolate Tombola during school day Sharing Worship 10.15am (Parents by invitation) Walk of Witness to Church (No Parents) – 1.45pm Apple Class Easter Themed After School Sale – 3.10pm (Items cost 50p & £1)
Fri 29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY – BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 1 st April	BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 2 nd April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 3 rd April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 4 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 8 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 9 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 10 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 11 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 12 th April	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

SCHOOL RESTARTS ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL – KS2 TO BE IN CLASS AT 8.45AM & KS1 TO BE IN CLASS AT 8.50AM

ACHIEVEMENTS

STARS OF THE WEEK – Friday 22nd March

Rainbows – Penny H, Oak – Phoebe, Apple – Cedar, Willow – Matthew, Ash – Lidia, Sycamore – TJ & Tommy, Beech – Mason

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to: Rainbows – Joshua W, Oak – Albie B, Apple – Carla, Willow – Oliver, Sycamore - Amelia

LENT HELPERS

We wish to congratulate and acknowledge all our "Lent Helpers" who have been helping out at home as part of our worship theme 'Take something on': Rainbows – Sophie, Oak – James, Willow – Matthew & Daisy

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Congratulations to our children who represented the school at Oakmoor's Tag Rugby Tournament last Thursday. They played extremely well and behaved impeccably; Years 3 & 4 came 4th and Years 5 & 6 came 2nd.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their chocolate donations for non-uniform day last Friday in aid of the Ambassadors' Chocolate Tombola which takes place during the school day on Wednesday and Thursday. Please donate £1 for your child to participate and help the Ambassadors' worthy charities, Cancer Research and the Hart Wildlife Hospital.

St Matthew's Church held their Children's Easter Workshop at the weekend on Saturday morning; we hope everyone who attended had lots of fun making their Easter creations with their friends and family. We would like to send our thanks the Church representatives who ran and arranged the workshop for the children to enjoy.

Apple Class will be selling Easter Treats at the end of the day on Thursday, with items costing 50p & £1. We hope you enjoy them and support our PTFA to raise funds for school.

The children will be attending our "Walk of Witness" to church after lunch on Thursday and will be learning about Easter story in our worships this week.

We hope the weather brightens up over the Easter holidays and that you all have a well-earned break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs PH

YEARS 5 & 6 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL – TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

If your child has been selected to represent St Matthew's at the Dodgeball Schools Games Tournament on Tuesday 26th March at The Petersfield School, Cranford Road, Petersfield GU32 3LU at 3.30pm – 5pm, please collect your child and siblings from school at 2.50pm this day.

AMBASSADOR'S CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA – WEDNESDAY 27TH & THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

The Ambassador's Chocolate Tombola will take place for the children during the school day on Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March. If you wish your child to partake in the Chocolate Tombola on either the 27th or 28th March, please send them to school with £1 donation. All money raised from the Chocolate Tombola will be donated to Cancer Research and Hart Wildlife Hospital in Alton. Please help us support these worthy charities. Thank you. St Matthew's School Ambassadors.

LISTEN TO ME CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Years 2 & 4 and private violin lesson children will be performing at a special concert for parents on **Wednesday 27th March at 11am** in the school hall. We hope you can join them to celebrate their musical achievements this term. Please sign in at the office and enter via the outside hall doors. We look forward to seeing you.

PTFA APPLE CLASS EASTER SALE – 3.10pm

On Thursday 28th March, Apple Class will be selling Easter themed treats after school to raise funds for our PTFA. Please bring your pennies, items will cost 50p and £1; finish the term with a treat or two for yourselves and your child(ren). Thank you for your support, PTFA.

SWIMMING LESSONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has already made a contribution for swimming lessons this year. If you have not made the suggested £35 per child contribution for your child(ren) to receive lessons this year, please note the **deadline for payments via SCOPAY is Wednesday 1st May 2024**. We pride ourselves in being able to provide all our children with affordable weekly swimming lessons from Rainbows up to Beech; an important life skill all children should have access to learn. Please support us and help us retain this opportunity for the children. Thank you.

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LOST PROPERTY

Any items left in Lost Property by this Thursday (28th March) will be disposed; we ask that you check for any items your child is missing before this date. We cannot reiterate enough how important it is that all items of clothing, shoes, water bottles etc are clearly labelled/named with your child's name to avoid loss or misplacement.

HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICES

Please find details of two new groups starting in Hampshire Libraries in April:

New Parents Meet and Connect -These new sessions are perfect for new babies and first-time parents/carers in the early days. You will be supported to explore a range of sensory equipment with your baby and have a chance to connect with other new and first-time parents. These sessions are free, there is no need to book, but places are limited. Sessions start in April, to find your closest session please use the

link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/events#.Parent-support>

- **First words together** -Babies communicate long before they start to talk, through gestures, showing and giving objects, pointing, and vocalising. Sharing books and interacting through books from when babies are very young supports communication and language development. If you would like support to build your confidence to support your baby's communication, please contact ChatHealth to request a place on the new First words together courses for parents and carers:

<https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/chathealth>

In addition, libraries in Hampshire offer other support and social activities for new parents and babies during their first twelve months and beyond. Find out how we can help your new family feel at home in the library:

- **Join the library** - Anyone who lives, works, or studies in Hampshire to join our library and it's free! We have lots of books and resources to support you as a parent as well as some fantastic books for children and it's never too early to start sharing books. You can join online or in your local library - find out more about the benefits of joining here.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/membership/jointhelibrary>

- **Baby stay and play** - Free and fun play session for babies up to 12 months old. These sessions offer a great chance to bond with your baby and make new friends. Find your closest session here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/events>

- **Baby Rhymetime** -Join these sessions to learn action songs and rhymes with your own baby with other parents and carers. Some libraries run sessions just for babies under 12 months. Find your closest session here:<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/events>

- **Storytime** -Learn how to share stories and make them special at our free storytime sessions for pre-school children. Find your closest session here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/events>

- **When a book might help** - Sharing stories about situations can help put a child's make transitions and new experiences easier more understandable and easier to cope with. These story books can make it easier to explain new situations to small children.

Find out more here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/whenabookmighthelp>

- **Rhyme and story of the month** -Repeating the same rhymes and stories, with actions too, will help to build a connection with your new baby and support their own listening and communication too.

Each month our libraries share the same rhyme and story in our rhymetime and storytime sessions to help you and your baby become familiar with sharing rhymes and stories at home. Find out more

here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

ALSO IN BOOK BAGS OR ONLINE:

- **Internet Matters Guide Cyberbullying 6-10yrs (Years 1 – 5)**
- **Internet Matters Guide Cyberbullying 11 -13 yrs (Year 6 only)**
- **St Matthew's C of E Primary School Calendar**
- **School Dinner Menu – April – October 2024**
- **Spring Summer Menu_No Junk Food poster**
- **Spring Summer Menu_Healthier than you think poster**
- **Strictly Showtime Musical Theatre Easter Workshops & Weekly Training flyer**
- **CM Sports – Easter Family Fun Day Poster**

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