



St Matthew's Messenger



AUTUMN 1 2024

6th September

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to a new school year!

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Head teacher to St. Matthew's and will work hard to continue the great work that Mrs. PH had started. I have been enjoying these first few days getting to know your wonderful children and I very much hope to meet many of you in the coming days and weeks. Schools work best when there is a really strong home-school link and I aim to ensure that this is the case at St. Matthew's.

I am writing this first half termly newsletter as the rain is pouring down outside and summer seems a distant memory! However, we have plenty going on in school to keep us busy! Please check the dates for your diary page, so that you are aware of what's going on.

We will be publishing termly newsletters (instead of weekly) going forward and communicating through text and the school website.

*Best wishes
Ros Stamper*

PTFA needs your help!

Can you offer to become part of the committee or offer to support events? If so please attend the PTFA AGM Monday 30th September or contact Sophie Manning via the school office for more information.

Parent Volunteers for Forest School

Forest school desperately need parent helpers. If you would love spending time in our beautiful grounds supporting our trained forest school staff, please contact Emma Owen via the school office.

Respect. Faith. Friendship. Achievement

Drop off safely!

As car parking is extremely tight around the pedestrian entrance, and as always, our priority is children's safety, we are trialing opening the small gate next to the main entrance. This will allow parents to park further along the road towards church but not have to walk all the way past the school to the pedestrian entrance. However, please be aware that we do have deliveries and disabled access at this time so children must be accompanied by an adult along the pavement and across the car park. Please DO NOT block either entrance while dropping off. It puts children at risk.

Collecting safely!

Key Stage 1 (Rainbows, Oak & Apple) will now be dismissed from their classroom doors. This will ensure all children reach their grown-ups safely. Please wait behind the fence on the field outside your child's classroom.

New school start time

8.40 am for all years.

8.30 am Classes open for Key Stage 2.

School gates will be open at 8.30am.

Healthy snacks

Please ensure snacks from home are fruit / vegetables only.

We are a nut free school as we have children with serious allergies –some products contain nuts that you may not realize so please check the labels carefully.



PTFA NEWS

Welcome back to school from the PTFA.

We invite all new and old faces to our AGM on Monday 30th September at 6.30pm in the school hall where the following positions will need to be filled in order for the charity to continue its amazing work:

PTFA Chairperson

The Chair directs meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard and involved. They liaise with the school, oversees organisation of the events, makes sure the workload is shared and tasks are completed. They ensure the committee fulfils its role in respect of governance of the association as set out in the constitution, for example holding an AGM, election of committee, working with the Treasurer on annual returns.

PTFA Treasurer

The Treasurer ensures accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed for counting money, banking and making payments. They manage the PTFA bank account, make approved payments and hold the association cheque book; arranges signatories; keeps the committee updated with regular summaries and ensures end of year reports are completed for the AGM and the annual returns.

ALSO IN BOOK BAGS OR ONLINE:

- **Autumn 1 Diary Dates**
- **Kerala Celebration**
- **Kathalkali Exhibition (See the masks Years 5 & 6 have made)**
- **Everyone Active Leaflet**
- **Southern Karate Association Leaflet**
- **Oakmoor Open Day Leaflet**