



# Friday News

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*'Forward through Friendship and Faith'*

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**This week we are thinking about Remembrance.**

Key Stage 2 pupils attended a Remembrance service at the war memorial on Monday where we thought about those who fought in wars throughout history, as well as those still fighting in wars around the world today.

The children have thought about our school values of Forgiveness, Compassion and Friendship, and how Jesus taught us to love our neighbour. We have prayed for peace in the world.



## Diary Dates

# November

**Mon 18th** - Movie night in school for Years 2- 6 (Children's Society)

**Tues 19th** - Breathe Clean project

**Weds 20th** - Year 4 Trust football at Laurel Lane

**Thurs 21st** - Year 3 D&T day in school

**Fri 22nd** - 6ES non-uniform day & 9am class worship for 6ES parents

**Mon 25th** - Year 5 D&T day in school

**Tues 26th** - Year 6 D&T day in school

**Fri 29th** - Nasal flu vaccine; 9am 3RD class worship

**Sat 30th** - St Matthew's Church Christmas Fair & Yiewsley Baptist Church Christmas Market - see poster

# DECEMBER

**Mon 2nd** - Last week for after-school clubs; Secret Santa

**Tuesday 3rd** - Secret Santa; soft starts & soft finishes

**Weds 4th** - Secret Santa ; Year 4 visit to St Paul's

**Thurs 5th** - 5pm Pavilions Carol Concert

**Fri 6th** - 9am 5JM class worship for parents; Christingle at Westminster Abbey for 30 invited pupils; 2pm Open afternoon for potential Reception parents

**Tues 10th** - Election theme day in school

**Please note that the diary dates are for information only. Letters may not have been sent home yet.**

## GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES

### YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP 10th –14th FEBRUARY 2019

Just a reminder that the two remaining payment deadline dates are 22nd November & 13th December.

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thursday 12th December at 2.15pm: Years 3 –6 in St Matthew's Church

Friday 13th December at 9.15am: Nursery a.m. & RTD in KS2 hall

Friday 13th December at 10am: Years 1 & 2 in St Matthew's Church

Friday 13th December at 2.30pm: Nursery p.m. & RPB in KS2 hall

### COME ON ENGLAND!

What a fantastic experience 12 pupils had last night as the school had been given some free tickets to watch the England UEFA Euro qualifier at Wembley against Montenegro.

Although it was a very late night, we are sure that the 7-0 result in England's favour will keep them going until 3.15pm today!



WELCOME PARENTS!

On Tuesday 3rd December, all parents are invited to drop into their child's /children's classes to look at displays, chat to the staff and maybe join in with a fun activity or two!

#### Reception to Year 6 parents:

- Drop in between either 8.30-9.00am or 2.45-3.15pm

#### Morning Nursery parents:

- Drop in between either 8.20-8.50am or 10.50-11.20am

#### Afternoon Nursery parents

- Drop in between either 12.15-12.45pm or 2.45-3.15pm

### READY TO READ!

The children have been busily making bookmarks for their home reading books! These list questions that you could ask your child about their reading, or that they could answer in their reading record. Reading fluency is very important, but reading comprehension is also very important. Children should always be developing their understanding of what they read.

Ask your child to show you their new bookmark!

### OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Friendship, Trust, Compassion,  
Forgiveness, Gratitude

### NEWSPAPERS NEEDED!

Years 3, 5 and 6 are having design & technology days over the next few weeks and would be grateful for old newspapers which they will be turning into structures using a stixx machine!

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

At St Matthew's, we are committed to working towards our school vision. Each week we will share with you things happening in school to help us fulfil our vision, based on Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

### **Remembrance**

*Our Christian values teach children to value themselves: they are courageous advocates for the Christian message and the morals it instils in them, including issues of equality, justice and diversity.*

The children thought about those affected by war, and offered up their prayers. They reflected on those who fought in WW1 and WW2, as well as those still affected in wars around the world today. The children expressed our school value of gratitude that we live in a peaceful country, and showed compassion by praying for peace around the world. KS2 joined the St Matthew's Church community in a service around the war memorial, sharing their songs and prayers with others.

### **Staff Development - Challenge and depth in RE**

*Our curriculum helps our children to develop into resourceful, resilient problem-solvers who are independent and inquisitive. This is complemented by our emphasis on Religious Education, providing children with regular and meaningful opportunities to explore their own and others' religious beliefs and practices.*

Our teaching staff spent time this week considering how we can help children explore their learning in RE in more depth, when learning about their own and others' religions.

### **Panto Project**

*We aim to provide opportunities for children, both within the classroom and beyond*

6MN had great attendance last academic year, so they were chosen for a fantastic opportunity to perform and record a song which will be shown during the interval at the Compass Theatre Christmas pantomime!

### **Reception Open Evening**

*St Matthew's is committed to providing a stimulating environment, excellent teaching and learning together with a strong Christian message that enables children to flourish.*

Reception parents had the opportunity to share and celebrate their children's progress so far this term, and share ideas to support children in their next steps. Parents evening for the rest of the school will be in January.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

*Our school values and deeply Christian ethos encourages pupils to understand the need to show compassion for others, through kindness and understanding*

We were amazed by the huge number of shoeboxes that were donated this year. Thank you to all of those who participated and demonstrated our school value of compassion to those less fortunate this Christmas.

### **Library trips for Year 4**

*Our inclusive, stimulating curriculum, underpinned by our Christian ethos and values, nurtures an intrinsic love of learning.*

Year 4 had a great time developing their understanding of the Anglo-Saxons at Yiewsley Library, and had the chance to borrow a book afterwards. Ask your child to share the book they chose with you at home.

### **Parent Workshop – Giving Your Child the Best Start**

*With the strength God has given them, and a solid foundation of knowledge and skill, the children of St Matthew's will take life's difficulties in their stride, showing resilience, confidence and a strong sense of self.*

Miss Cole enjoyed spending time with some of our parents, sharing resources and tips for supporting children's progress.

### **Football Team Trip to Wembley Stadium**

*Our aim is to develop the whole child, giving them the knowledge and skills to be successful in whatever path they choose to follow.*

The football team were so excited as they headed off to Wembley! They had a once in a lifetime experience which I am sure they will never forget.



## BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

The Sun newspaper is running a promotion from Saturday November 23rd to Saturday January 18th 2020, where the school can exchange tokens for a box of books worth £600!

We need to collect a total of 3,500 tokens so we would ask you to please drop any tokens you may have into the school office. Please also ask friends and family for their tokens too!

Watch this space for a weekly total once the promotion starts.

### THE BOOK PEOPLE - BIG BOOST

The Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with The Book People over £10, they will donate £1 to us to spend on books!



To make an order, please go to:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost> and search for us using our postcode, UB7 7QJ. Thank you!

### SECRET SANTA

For any parents and children who have not been here at Christmas time, 'Secret Santa' is a fun, shopping experience organised each year by Parents United.

The children visit the 'Secret Santa' stalls with their class teachers and can choose from a large range of gifts, all priced at £1 each.

Parents Utd will then wrap and label the gift(s) for the children to take home so they can surprise a friend or family member on Christmas morning.

Please note that 'Secret Santa' is optional - however, if your child wants to take part, all we ask is that they bring their spending money into school in a labelled envelope or purse on their class's allocated day;

**Monday 2nd: Years 1, 2, 4 & 6**

**Tuesday 3rd: Nursery, Reception & Year 5**

**Wednesday 4th: Year 3 and any child who has missed their slot.**

Parents Utd are still looking for more volunteers to help run the stalls so if you can spare an hour or two, please leave your name and contact details at the school office.

### OUR SCHOOL RULES

We are mindful of our actions, We are responsible for our own  
Learning, We always include everyone

**'Every child has the right to an outstanding education'**



**Whole school attendance for the period 4th - 8th November 2019 was 96.5%.**

**The punctuality award was shared by RPB, RTD & 3AB. The school day starts at 8.45am and arriving late can make your child feel sad and embarrassed, especially as they miss valuable learning time.**

**Please note we do not authorise holiday during term time.**

The classes are working as a team to encourage every member to be in school each day. Every day, between now and the end of the Autumn Term, if all pupils in the class are registered as present, their 'Perfect Attendance' display is updated. Once the class has been present for 17 days, a non-school uniform day will be awarded.

**Huge congratulations to 6ES for getting the first Perfect Attendance award! Their non-uniform day will be on Friday 22nd November!**

**The following pupils have been awarded certificates by their class teachers for working hard.**

RPB	RTD
97.1%	98%
<b>1EM</b>	<b>1KT</b>
96.7%	90%
<b>2RF</b>	<b>2SK</b>
94.8%	92.7%
<b>3RD</b>	<b>3AB</b>
<b>98.6%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>
<b>4DH</b>	<b>4AS</b>
97.1%	97.2%
<b>5MC</b>	<b>5JM</b>
98.3%	<b>98.6%</b>
<b>6ES</b>	<b>6MN</b>
<b>98.4%</b>	<b>98.1%</b>

RPB	RTD
Aishani	Ada
<b>1EM</b>	<b>1KT</b>
Natalia	Arianna
<b>2RF</b>	<b>2SK</b>
Eliza	Ubaid
<b>3RD</b>	<b>3AB</b>
Jeremy	Hariram
<b>4DH</b>	<b>4AS</b>
Rebecca	Oliver
<b>5MC</b>	<b>5JM</b>
Paige	Mariama
<b>6ES</b>	<b>6MN</b>
Mina	Khushee

# Christmas in Yiewsley

St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

## Christmas Fair

11am-2pm

St Matthew's Church Centre  
High Street Entrance

Yiewsley  
Baptist Church

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

11am-3pm

Yiewsley Baptist Church  
74 Colham Avenue

Saturday 30th November

## FAMILY FILM CLUB

St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
loving God, loving our community

**Sunday**  
**17th Nov**  
**3-5pm**

**Free**



**St Matthew's Church Centre**  
**High Street, Yiewsley UB7 7QH**

**DRINKS**

**Latest  
(U) Film**

**SNACKS**

# MOVIES

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Children must be accompanied by an adult