

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 Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. We thought about how Lent is a good time to reflect and to say sorry for things we've done wrong, and to forgive those who have wronged us.

The children have reflected on their Lent prayers in Prayer and Worship.



Diary Dates

March

Mon 2nd - 4AS swimming; NSPCC fundraising assembly

Weds 4th - WE Day UK at SSE Arena

Thurs 5th - SIAMS inspection; World Book Day & Dress as a Book Character Day; Coral Rumble, author visiting; Year 5 Library visits

Fri 6th - Non-uniform day for RPB & 5JM; 9am 4AS Class worship

Mon 9th - Year 6 mock SATs week; Hasbro in for toy-testing—pupils have been informed

Weds 11th - Year 5 Tag rugby competition at Laurel Lane

Fri 13th - 9am PGL Rivals assembly for parents; NSPCC sponsored dance event for whole school; 9am PGL Rivals assembly for parents

Sun 15th - Family Film Club in St Matthew's Church

Mon 16th - Year 3 to Osterley House

Tue 17th - Soft start & finish

Weds 18th - School nurse in to do Reception & Year 6 Height & weight checks

Thurs 19th - Times table competition for Years 5 & 6 (St Martin's)

Fri 20th - 9am 4DH & 2.45pm Class worship for parents; Year 6 Junior Citizens event

Please note that you may not yet have received a letter about a listed event.

SIAMS INSPECTION

The school will be welcoming a SIAMS inspector on Thursday 5th March. A SIAMS inspection focuses on the effect and impact that the Christian ethos and Christian Distinctiveness of the school has on our pupils. We will let you know the outcome of the inspection in due course.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Whole school attendance for the period 10th - 14th February was 97.2%.

The punctuality award was won by RPB, RTD, 1KT, 2SK, 4DH and 6ES. Well done to all those classes.

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.

RPB	RTD
98.6%	95.3%
1EM	1KT
98.3%	98.6%
2RF	2SK
98.3%	95.4%
3RD	3AB
98.3%	95.5%
4DH	4AS
96.4%	97.2%
5MC	5JM
95.9%	93.8%
6ES	6MN
100%	98.5%

OUR SCHOOL RULES

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

SWIMMING - 4AS

Class 4AS will be swimming every Monday morning until the Easter break. Every child will need to have a swimming hat for all sessions - talcum powder does make the hat easier to put on. It is important that your child's hair stays dry as there is no time to dry hair before the coach picks the children up from the pool.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Well done to RPB and 5JM who have both been awarded a non-uniform day for completing their 'Perfect Attendance' display on Friday. They will both have their non-uniform day on Friday 6th March.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please can we remind you that non urgent GP appointments, dental check ups and optician appointments should be made for after school or during holiday periods. It can be disruptive for the class and your child when staff have to collect children during lesson time. We understand that on occasions this is unavoidable but we thank you for your understanding in this matter.

CLASS WORSHIPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Key Stage 1

2SK - Friday 20th March at 2.45pm

1KT - Friday 3rd April at 9.00am

Key Stage 2

4AS - Friday 6th March at 9.00am

PGL Rivals - Friday 13th March at 9.00am

4DH - Friday 20th March at 9.00am

PGL - Friday 27th March at 9.00am

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

A copy of the letter which was emailed to parents on the mailing list can be found on our website at:

<https://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/176/letters-home>

WEEK BEGINNING 2nd MARCH - LEARNING

	Literacy	Numeracy	Curriculum
Nursery	Gingerbread Man	0-10	Lent
Reception	Jack and the Beanstalk	0-20	Topic - Jack and the Beanstalk
Year 1	Descriptive writing	Multiplication	Art and ICT - Internet Safety
Year 2	Adelita	Time	Science - Sound
Year 3	Narratives/Adventure writing	Money	History - Victorian
Year 4	Narrative	Addition/Subtraction	4DH - Music 4AS - D.T.
Year 5	Narratives/The Climax	Decimal Numbers	French
Year 6	Revision/Grammar	Volume	History - WW2

FIVE DIFFERENT READING STYLES TO TRY



Do you struggle to read with your child at home? The traditional way to share stories with your children is to sit beside them, book perched on your lap, and to read aloud. You put on your best funny voices (or not) and point at key words and pictures. Perhaps you speed up and slow down in all the right places.

But what if the traditional way isn't holding your child's attention? If this is the case, don't worry and certainly don't give up. There are other reading styles that might be the key to engaging your child with reading.



1 FILL-IN-THE-GAPS READING

This technique works best one-to-one. Simply read aloud, but stop every now and again, and ask your child to read out a single word. Start with words you know they're familiar with to build confidence, before asking them to 'fill in' more challenging words. Make sure your child feels like they're helping you to read, rather than being put on the spot.

2 TAKE-IT-IN-TURNS READING

Reading a book together can be just that, and this reading style works particularly well with more confident readers. The general idea is that you take it in turns to read out sections of a story. You can read alternate sentences, paragraphs or even pages – whatever works best for you. It's an effective way to keep kids engaged as they know that their turn is coming soon.

3 ECHO READING

The idea is that you read a sentence, and your child reads the same sentence back to you. It might sound repetitive but, by following your lead, your child will unknowingly pick up loads of tips from you on

spacing, pronunciation and where to place stress in a sentence. It's actually a really valuable technique for improving literacy and oracy (the ability to express yourself fluently).

4 CHORAL READING

This truly is reading together. You read aloud and your child reads along with you at the same time. It's a lot easier to do with rhymes, short stories and picture books that your child knows and loves. You don't have to choral read for a whole story or book, but it's worth a try for short sections at a time, and it can really help engage young readers and improve pronunciation and reading skills.

5 PICTURE READING

This is a fun approach to try. Ask your child to guess at how a story unfolds simply by looking at the pictures. Use some question prompts to help them along, such as "Who do you think the hero is?", "What's happening in this picture?", "How does it end?". When your child has finished their picture-only version, read the story together and compare it to the printed version. It's a sure-fire way to get them engaged with the text.



OUR SCHOOL VISION

“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.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Google ‘Be Internet Legends’ Assembly

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

This week the children were enthralled by a fascinating assembly from Google. The children thought about how to be safe online and how to ensure that they are using safe sites. They learned not to share their own personal information as well as not to share photos and information of others without their permission. The visitors from Google gave the children some lovely feedback, saying that we are one of their favourite schools because the children are perfectly disciplined but full of energy and enthusiasm!

Maths Hub Meeting

At St Matthew’s Church of England Primary School, we aim to provide high quality teaching and learning.

At St Matthew’s, we are always looking for ways to improve our curriculum and make learning as engaging and purposeful as possible. This week we have started working with the Maths Hub to develop our Maths curriculum, in particular looking to have a greater focus on problem solving and Maths within real-life contexts.

Parents United Meeting

We aim to provide opportunities for children, both within the classroom and beyond, which will enable them to respond to the Big Questions that life often poses.

Parents United met again this week to plan fundraising activities for the school. Don’t forget to support the penny war that is currently taking place by sending all of your copper coins into school! Anyone is welcome to join Parents United – see the Friday News for the next meeting date.

Perfect Attendance

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.

Well done to 3RD and 4AS! More classes are winning our perfect attendance award and whole school attendance is currently fantastic! Well done everyone!

3RD Class worship

Worship is the beating heart of the school and educates children on teachings from the Bible, providing opportunities to bring children closer to God and enabling them to understand the relevance of faith to their everyday lives.

How wonderful to hear from 3RD this week who shared their reflections and prayers with their parents and the school community. Lovely to hear one of our iSingPop songs too!

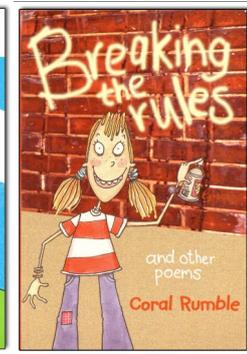
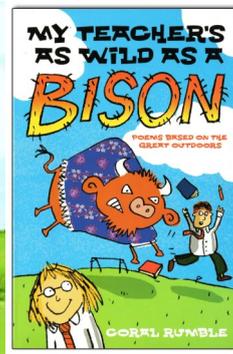
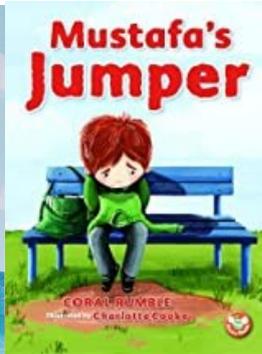
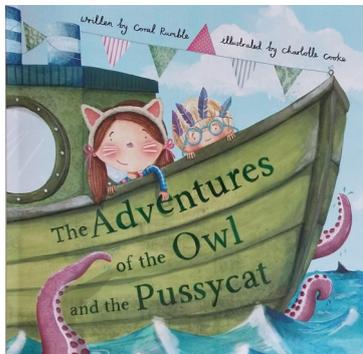
**‘Every child has the right to an
outstanding education’**



Author
CORAL RUMBLE
will be
visiting our
school on
Thursday 5th
March

Coral Rumble has worked as a poet and performer for many years and now specialises in writing and performing for children. She is coming to St Matthew's to inspire the pupils about reading, writing and books and to help develop their enthusiasm and skills.

The school will benefit from any book sales so please place your orders for a signed copy online at: <https://authors-abroad.square.site/>



FAMILY FILM CLUB

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

Sunday
15th March
3-5pm

Free



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

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MOVIES

For further details contact

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Children must be accompanied by an adult

St Matthew's Parents United

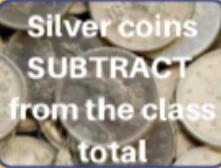
1, 2, 3, 4, WE DECLARE A
P E N N Y W A R

From 24th Feb until 30th March

Each class has its own bottle
for collecting coins.

GAIN POINTS by adding 1p and 2p coins
to your class bottle.


Copper coins
ADD to the
class total


Silver coins
SUBTRACT
from the class
total

Work together to win your class a prize!
Prize to be chosen by the winning class.