



# St Matthew's RC Primary



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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy Friday everyone! This week we have had our first parent consultations of the new school year – thank you to everyone who returned a slip and spoke to their class teachers yesterday. As always, class teachers enjoy sharing the achievements and next steps for your children with you, and hopefully the next time consultations come around we will be able to share this with you in the building!

Attached alongside the weekly update this week is the information shared with each class at the Meet the Teacher sessions we held a couple of weeks ago. If you have any further questions about what your child's class will be covering this year, please put these in an email and your child's class teacher will be sure to get back to you as soon as is possible.

This weekend is the September weekend and we are not at school on Monday. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday!

## School Updates

### **Labelling Clothes/Personal Items**

Please ensure that your child's uniform and personal items are clearly marked with their name. This avoids items getting lost and aids the quick return of items that have been left behind.

Please also be aware that we have quite a large collection of pre-loved school uniform which is in excellent condition and could definitely do another turn. This includes cardigans and jumpers with the school logo on, trousers, summer dresses, pinafores and even almost-brand-new school shoes! If you would like to have a look at what is available, please email the school office.

### **PE**

At this time PE changing rooms remain closed and children will not be encouraged to change for PE. **We advise that on the days children have PE, they come to school dressed in sportswear. Children will have PE on a Tuesday with their class teachers.**

### **Nut-Free Snacks**

Due to severe nut allergies at our school, please do not send your child to school with snacks or lunch items containing nuts. This includes, but is not limited to, Kinder Buenos, Nutella, Daim bars and peanut butter. Please note that any snacks with nuts in them will be sent home with your child.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is available to all learners from Primary 1 to Primary 7, at the cost of 50p per child per morning. Breakfast club will open from 8.30am and children should enter via the top door in the playground. Toast and cereal will be available. Please note that in order to comply with current restrictions, pupils will be required to sit in their classrooms.

## Class Updates

### P1-3

This week..

We were very busy this week! In the mornings, the P2s and P3s have been revising their sounds and working hard on their reading books. The P1s have learned lots of new sounds and have started creating and reading words with them! We read a story called 'Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party' to learn about alliteration and enjoyed saying the tongue twisters together.

We have developed our knowledge of shape and found out the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. We tried making cubes from a net, counting the faces of shapes, and we investigated 3D shapes to see if they could roll, stack, or slide. This was lots of fun and we learned a lot!

On Thursday, we celebrated Scottish Food and Drink fortnight by tasting some yummy Scottish foods. Lots of us were very brave and tried vegetarian haggis for the first time! We also had shortbread and strawberries. In PE, we practised our balancing and throwing/catching skills with a partner. We've spent lots of time out in the garden this week with some of our new garden equipment.



### P4-5

This week we have been continuing our novel study on 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' and have been reading some very exciting chapters which all seem to end on cliff-hangers! We are enjoying our novel study so much and producing so many fantastic pieces of work that we have decided to extend it by a week. Our pupils also beginning to prepare for writing our own imaginative piece of writing next week by continuing to practise and hone our reading and writing tools. This week we worked very hard on writing a description of a setting using lots of adjectives so that let our readers really picture a forest environment. In numeracy we have been working on number structures this week to support us when we are sequencing and ordering larger numbers. In our Growth Mindset lessons this week we have been learning about the power of 'yet' and read a lovely book called 'The Magical yet' to remind us that whilst there may be things we can't achieve yet, if keep a growth mindset we can work towards achieving our goals. We also visited our local woodlands as part of our new topic 'our community woodlands' and started to map our woodland areas.

Next week we will be moving on to the final week of our novel study and will be using Podkin as an inspiration to create our own imaginative pieces of writing. In numeracy we will be continuing to looking at sequencing numbers, addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication. We will also be continuing to learn about aspects of time in our maths lessons.



## P6/7

This week in Literacy we have been continuing our work on *The Midnight Fox*. We have been learning about balanced and persuasive arguments and have written a persuasive argument about fox hunting.

In Numeracy we finished our block on time. The class have made good progress in consolidating their time knowledge and understanding. Next week we will be moving onto addition, and we will have our regular times tables session on Friday.

Next week we will be organising the Macmillan Coffee Morning. At the moment we are still working what format it will take, but you will receive more information in due course.



Kind regards,

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Headteacher