

# St Matthew's News

## Issue 1



### Head Teacher's Message - Miss Thompson

Firstly, I want to say a big welcome back to all the children, parents and families, within our community. It has been so lovely to see everyone and I am super proud of the way the children have settled back into learning.

I am feeling extremely blessed to be leading this school community, as we enter into another school year. St Matthew's is no ordinary school because it has exceptional staff, children and families. We value each and everyone in our community, and we want to hear from you. St Matthew's has an open door policy, so if you need to speak to us, about anything, please get in touch with the office team.

There are so many changes afoot. We have a new King and Prime Minister.

I would ask you to pray with me for our country, our late Queen's family and for our school's continued success, as we look forward to another great year.

**NOTICE: We will be closed on Monday 19th September, for a National Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.**



### Special St Matthew's welcome and mention to...

Miss French, who joins us as our Research and Support School Business Manager.



Mrs Rizk, who joins us as teaching assistant.

Mrs Sohal, who is now the Reception Teacher.



# Reading for Pleasure

## Top Teacher Recommendations

We love reading at St Matthew's, so in each issue of our newsletter, a teacher will recommend a great read.

Our first recommendation comes from Miss Thompson.

Her book is called Tyger by S.F Said, which is due to be released in October.

It is about a magical, mysterious and mystical creature, that is found in London. Pre-order your copy now. You won't want to miss it!

**Suitable for: 9 - 12 year olds**



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## Important Notices



Parents and Guardians,

This is good time of the year to come into school and see either Mrs Blewitt or Mrs Shanaz to update your child/children's contact details:

We need your:

- email address
- current mobile numbers
- any information on allergies, asthma or medication

Come in and see us, if any of these details have changed. Thank you!



We really care about your child's education! We don't want them to miss a minute of it, so it is really important that they come to school on **time, everyday.**

**Remember...Attendance Matters!**



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## Congratulations...

At St Matthew's, Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to take part in LAMDA lessons. LAMDA stands for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. This year, a number of children took their LAMDA exam and we are so pleased and proud to share with you the names of those who passed.

### Congratulations to...

Abdurrahman Ise, Mohammed Al-Himyari, Akram Sharif, Sonique Prescod and Yonis Abdi, who passed with a Merit.

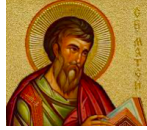
Hannah Mahamoud, Ayman Arshe, Awa Marong, Kaprina Karra, Laith Salim, Nuaym Sharif, Aaliyah Sharif, Elijah Swai, Samuel Innett, Yazeed Jalba, Minar Bulolah, Rheem Amrane and Kayla Dehaney, who passed with a Distinction.

**WELL DONE AND SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS YOUNIS FOR LEADING ON THIS!**

# What exciting things are coming up, in Autumn 1?



## St Matthew's Day



On Thursday 22nd September, we will celebrate our Saint: Matthew and elections will take place for key pupil leadership positions.

Every child has the opportunity to put themselves forward for 3 different positions:

1. Young Leaders
2. House Captains (open to Year 6)
3. Worship Warriors

**We need YOU!**

**Key Stage 1 History and Geography Week** will take place from the 12th - 16th October 2022.

During this week:

Reception will study Grand Designs

Year 1 will study Beyond living memory and Town and Coast

Year 2 will study The Stone Age and The Andes

**Key Stage 2 will teach History and Geography on a weekly basis, focusing on:**

Year 3 - Ancient Egypt and Rivers

Year 4 - 6 - Settlements and the Indus Valley



## Inspire Parent Workshops

This is a chance to meet with your child/childrens' teacher and get some key messages about the year ahead. We will also be selling reading books, suitable to each year group, with prices up to 50p.

Reception – Thursday 22nd September:

2 – 3pm

Y1/Y2 – Friday 23rd September:

9 - 10am

Y3/Y4 – Tuesday 20th September:

9 - 10am

Y5/Y6 – Monday 26th September:

9 - 10am

**Our 'Meet the Head' meetings resume, for Autumn 1.**

**The first one will be on:  
Tuesday 20th September at  
11.15. It will focus on the PSHE  
Curriculum.**

**We look forward to seeing you,  
on zoom, using the log in  
details below:**

Access Zoom via Google and enter the:  
Meeting ID - 337 918 1940 Passcode -  
Head123