

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Our Vision is to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness

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We welcome Dame Sarah Mullally as the new 106th Archbishop of Canterbury- and the first woman in this post!

Thank you to all our wonderful **CLASS REPS** who gave their time to the recent forum. Your time was much appreciated and will help our school become even better with your ideas!



Year 3 had a fantastic experience being taught by students from the **Royal Academy of Dance** on Tuesday 25th March. They enjoyed a performance based on being a good friend and then learnt some dance moves and choreographed their own dances in teams also linked to the theme of friendship. What an incredible opportunity! Huge thanks to Fiona Brooker for arranging!

In a week where we had four seasons in one day, and Dame Sarah Mullally was enthroned as the new Archbishop of Canterbury, we celebrated our Easter Pause Day, designed our spiritual pebbles with the fruits of the spirit, designed and made our Spirited Art work, enjoyed an Easter trail around our grounds, participated in a joyful Easter service at St. Matthew's church, enjoyed our first ever 'Break the rules' day and our fabulous FOSMPS hosted the Easter Egg Raffle!

Phew! What a very busy and enjoyable end of term it was! Thank you for all your support and we are delighted to tell you that **£897.95** was raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and our fundraising towards the reception's learning environment! Thank you everyone!

Kingston Community Fridge Simply turn up and collect surplus food from local supermarkets gathered that day.

Square one cafe - Cafes are safe and inclusive spaces. Everyone is welcome and everything is free.



Science Bags Each class have been given a 'Science Bag'. Each year group have different items in their bag as a stimulus to encourage science activities at home. Every week, one child will be given the opportunity to take the bag home. If they would like to, they can record what they did in the class book included in the bag. They could take photos, write about what they found out or share their experiments with their peers. This is all optional and not homework. The purpose is to raise the science capital of all children by igniting awe, curiosity and wonder. Each bag also contains an experiments book, these were kindly funded by FOSMPS. Your child may choose to do an experiment from the book.

Accidents happen so please inform your class teacher if anything is missing or broken, we will do our best to ensure items are replaced as soon as possible. Have fun!

Please be aware that we ask the children to take home their rubbish in their lunch boxes for two reasons- often the items cannot be recycled along with the remains of hot school lunch and it also helps parents know how much their child has eaten.

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Many of our **Y5 pupils** have been busy mastering the roads just before the break during their **Bikeability** training sessions. It has been fantastic to see them developing their cycling proficiency, perfecting their signalling to navigate local junctions with increasing confidence and safety.

Earth Day is Wednesday 22 April and we shall be having an energy-free afternoon as far as is possible in school. If possible, we would love the pupils to be dressed in green and/or blue to promote Earth Day.

Congratulations to Zoe, Poppy, Athena, Charlotte and Lottie from Year 3 for raising a fantastic **£130.45** for **Cancer Research** just before the holiday! The charity will be so grateful for all the hard work that you put into that sale!



Important - we need your help to protect children from measles

There has been an increase in measles in London recently and we have a small number of confirmed cases in young children in Kingston. This is of concern given the rising number of cases across London. The London outbreak has led to some children having to be hospitalised. Measles spreads very easily between people who are not vaccinated. Measles can be prevented by vaccination. All parents and carers want what is best for their child – if your child has missed any of their doses or you're unsure, get in touch with your GP surgery. It's never too late to catch up. See: [NHS vaccinations and when to have them.](#)

For more information about measles, [see the nhs.uk website.](#)

St Matthew's Wish List

<https://amzn.eu/4Ctlwvt> If you find something you would like to purchase, just add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. You are really helping the school when you choose something off this list. Thank you so much!

We are keen to work in partnership with our parents and carers, and are available to meet if you have a concern. We would like to remind you though that parents and carers should not approach other parents or their children to sort out misunderstandings and disagreements. Please bring those to the attention of the school via the admin email address and we can work with you to resolve. We will organise the most appropriate staff member to meet to discuss. This will not usually be the Headteacher at the initial stage.

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PRIDE EVENT
Friday 29 May
1pm to 5pm

Come along and help us celebrate the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community. The event will host a range of fun and exciting activities such as, arts and crafts, make-up, music, karaoke, LGBTQ+ specific information and much more!

This event is free to LGBTQ+ young people and allies aged 11-19

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