

# St Matthew's School Newsletter 31st March 2017

#### STEM Week in St Matthew's

During the week of 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March, St Matthew's took part in National Science Week. At our school, we had a focus on 'changes' in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Over the course of the week a number of activities took place: volunteers came in to talk to the children – we are very grateful to anyone who gave up their time, as the children greatly enjoyed these sessions; there was an action packed STEM demonstration assembly to all children and class teachers planned in lots of inspiring STEM activities.

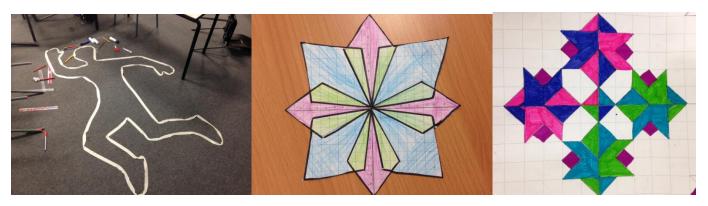
We also ran a competition - thank you to all of the children who took the time to enter. We will be announcing the winners and giving out the prizes after the Easter holidays. Below are a few examples of the activities that took place.

Mr Collard's Class Science Demonstrations... Class...

Rocket Building in Laurel



Year Six Crime Scene Investigations and Mathematical Investigations...



### Inspiring, Challenging and Fun

We have had some exciting curriculum events this half term. As I write, Year Four are off on their "Big Adventure", taking in activities at Graffham Water. In the last couple of weeks...

We had a very successful world book day with children and staff dressing up as book characters and all the classroom doors being decorated on a book theme...



Year Two enjoyed a visit from the Raptor Foundation last week..



...while Year One got to handle some even bigger beasts in their "Life Long Ago" Workshop.



Year Six Shelters' Building at Milton Country Park



#### **History Works**

Next term Year Five will be working with History Works again. Following on from last year's project, we will be doing creative workshops to design our own history trail that will be narrated by Michael Rosen. Parents may be interested in the History Works free 'Active Abbey Adventures' on 8<sup>th</sup> April. For details, see the last two pages of this newsletter.

#### Football Team Top of the Table

Our boy's football team made a winning start to their League Competition as we aim to complete a hatrick of victories having won the League tournament for the last two years. Coacher by Chris German, the boys won all four of their matches to lead the table with a maximum twelve points. We look forward to the second round of matches next term.



#### Clubs and Activities

Details of all of our clubs and activities for next term can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/clubs">http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/clubs</a> and activities 1/

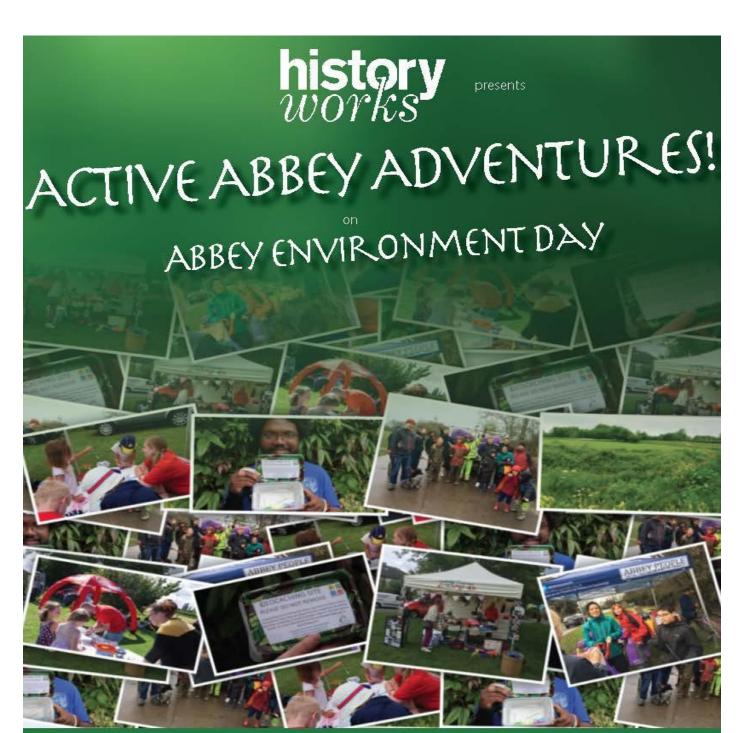
# **Dinner Money for Next Half Term**

Just a quick reminder that lunch money for next half term will be £56.70. Lunch costs are £2.10 per day and £10.50 per week.

Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's primary school or you can pay online using your Sims Agora log in. If you need a log in please ask at the school office.

If you are changing your child's meal pattern or wish them to stop having school lunches, please let the office know.

We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on the first day back to school for children on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.



Join us as we launch our new Geocache trail in partnership with local organisations including Barnwell Library, ChYpPS & Abbey People, as part of the Abbey Environment Day with fun activities for all the family to get involved with.

Saturday 8th April 11am-2pm
Activities at Barnwell Library, Barnwell Road,
CB5 8RQ and around Abbey Ward

**Activities: FREE** 

# ACTIVE ABBEY ADVENTURES!

Drop in any time 11am - 2pm
Walking and refreshments, craft and
story-telling activities including:

- Introduction to Geocaching and trail launch by Historyworks at Barnwell Library: 11am - 2pm
- Storytelling and Rhyme time at Barnwell Library on a Nature
  Theme 11am 1pm for 0 to 5s
- Craft activities with ChYpPS & Scrapstore including Badge-Making at Barnwell Library 11am-1pm for 5-12s
- Guided walk from Barnwell Library around Coldham's Common to find Geocaches from 12.30pm
- Activities and Refreshments available at Margaret Wright Community Orchard 12 - 2pm followed by a Wildlife Walk

Litter Pick on Coldham's Common for all 10am - 12 noon starting at the gates near Abbey Pool Carpark

For more information please contact us:
historyworkstv@gmail.com or visit creatingmycambridge.com
PLEASE NOTE: This is not a childcare facility. Chldren are free to come and go as they
please. Under 10's must be accompanied by an adult

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