



St Matthew's School Newsletter 24th July 2018

As we reach the end of another year, I am delighted to finish by announcing two awards that St Matthew's has gained in the last two weeks...

Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award



We have had an amazing year of sport again this year at St Matthew's, and the year has finished with the fantastic year that, for the second year in a row, we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award.

Well done to all of the children, staff, parents, volunteers and coaches who have contributed to all of our work in this area.

Our new timetable of Sports Clubs for Autumn 2018 can be found on our website at

www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/clubs_and_activities_1/176964

Rainbow Flag Award

I am delighted to say that St Matthew's has now achieved the Rainbow Flag Award. This is a great acknowledgement of the work of the school in tackling prejudice relating to combat and prevent homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying. St Matthew's is also soon to be featured as a case study in Stonewall's Best Practice Guidance for Primary Schools.



As part of this work, a group of children have formed a Rainbow Group which will be looking at diversity in our curriculum, the resources we

have in school, to ensure they celebrate the diversity of our school community. Next year we will be having a girls', a boys' and a gender-neutral toilet on each floor in the new school buildings.

Well done to Mrs Steel for her excellent leadership in this area.

Goodbye to Year Six

The end of the academic year always involves a few sad farewells. This year we are saying goodbye to Miss Walton and Miss Freeman, and of course we are also saying goodbye to our wonderful year six children. We have loved having the children as part of the St Matthew's "family". We will miss you all and wish you the very best of luck in the future.

St Matthew's Term Dates, 2018-2019

Below you can see our term dates for next academic year. Please note, children in years 1 to 6 return to school on Thursday 6th September. Parents of children in nursery and reception will have received information already about their children's start dates.

Autumn Term 2018

Training Days, School closed to children	Tuesday 4 th September 2018 and Wednesday 5 th September 2018
School starts for children (note staggered start for Nursery and Reception children – see information on your admission information)	Thursday 6 th September, 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018	
Autumn Term Closes	Wednesday 19 th December, 2018

Spring Term 2019

Training Day, school closed to children	Thursday 3 rd January 2019
Training Day, school closed to children	Friday 4 th January 2019
School starts for children	Monday 7 th January, 2019
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019	
Spring Term Closes	Friday 5 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Training Day	Tuesday 23 rd April, 2019
School starts for children	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 6 th May, 2019
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019	
School starts for children	Monday, 3 rd June, 2019
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday 24 th July, 2019

We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you for the start of the new academic year.