



## St Matthew's Newsletter December 2022

### What a Performance!

We have had some great entertainment in this last two weeks, with concerts for parents and carers by Reception and Year One and the fantastic Year Two Production. And alongside these, our choir (pictured below) performed beautifully in at the Winter Fair last Friday. Well done to everyone for all the hard work you all put in practicing to bring us such great performances – we loved it!



### Thank You to Our Amazing PTA

Speaking of our Winter Fair, a big THANK YOU to our PTA for organising another fantastic event which I know everyone enjoyed hugely. It is events like these that we missed so much during the pandemic so it is lovely to see it return after three years.

Next year we are looking forward to beginning work on the relocation of our library area to create a much improved, cosier place to enjoy reading – something we could not do without the funds raised by the PTA. So thank you for that, and most of all for helping to create that sense of community that makes St Matthew's a special place.

### Dinner Money for Next Term

Dinner money for next half term comes to £56.70 if you are having a school meal every day. It really helps us if you can let the school office know if your child changes their meal pattern during the course of the term.

## Staff News

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tomlinson today, who is leaving us after nearly six years. We hope she enjoyed the assembly we held for her this afternoon and we wish her all the very best for the future. We are looking forward to Mrs Blackman-Doyle joining our Reception team in January.

## Sporting Success

We have had an extraordinary term of sporting success this autumn. We entered teams in inter-school competition in tag rugby, dodgeball and, for the first time, table tennis – and we won them all! We have also won the Cambridge Schools Cross Country Championship for the ninth year in a row, winning the girls races in years 3, 4 and 5 and the boys races in years 3 and 4, picking up 13 top three medals across all races – our best ever performance. It's lovely to win, but even more impressive has been the children's attitudes in the competitions – supporting each other (as well as competitors from other schools). We are very proud of you all. And a big well done to Lisa Woolf who does so much to get so many children participating in sport, whether it be in PE lessons, after school clubs or competitions. You can view the sports clubs we are offering next term on our website here - [www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/clubs\\_and\\_activities\\_1/176964](http://www.stmatthews.cambs.sch.uk/website/clubs_and_activities_1/176964)



## January 2023

We are looking forward to another busy term in January. The first day back to school for children is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you in the New Year.

Tony Davies  
Head Teacher