**St Matthew's Church of England Primary School**

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school – and especially warm welcome to those families who are joining us for the first time, not just in Reception but throughout the school. I know that they have already experienced the St Matthews hand of friendship – so thank you for that.

Those of you who have been into school will have seen the wonderful transformation that has taken place over the summer holiday. It was certainly a busy one in our little corner of SW20 with the builders on site daily – they started the Saturday after the children finished and were here until the Wednesday evening before the children returned. A huge thanks must go to all the staff who worked so hard to ensure that everywhere was ready and welcoming for the first day of school.

The weather continues to surprise us with its unpredictably so please make sure that your child has a hat, water bottle as well as a suitable waterproof in school every day. Children may wear their summer uniforms up until half term.

Congratulations to Heidi (yr. 5) for being our very first Good Manners Champion for the year and to Kylan for being awarded Writing Champion.

This is a gentle reminder that we are a **strictly nut free school.** please make sure that your child has a nut free snack/lunch (including spreads such as Nutella /peanut butter etc.). This is also extended to the snacks you may give your child as you are leaving school at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dates for the Diary**

**Meet The Teacher**
Class teachers would like to invite you in to see a short presentation outlining your child's learning for next year, trips and events that will be happening, as well as giving you advice on how you can support your child at home. These will all take place at 3.20 pm. Children are welcome to stay but remain your responsibility and for safety reasons the play equipment in the playgrounds will be out of bounds.

Year One: Wednesday 17th Sept
Year Two: Monday 15th Sept
Year Three : Thursday 18th Sept
Year Four : Thursday 18th Sept
Year Five : Wednesday 17th Sept
Year Six : Tuesday 16th September

Reception date to follow once all children are in school.

**Parents Evening** will be held virtually this term on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 16th October. Details to follow.

**Harvest Festival**

Friday 24th October 2 pm at St matthews Church, Durham Road. Everyone is welcome to join us for our Harvest celebration – children will be collected from the church and not taken back to school.

**Christmas Shows and celebrations**

Reception and Nursery – Tuesday 9th December – 9.30 am School Hall

Key Stage 1 – Wednesday 10th December – 9.30 School hall

Key Stage 2 – Wednesday 17th December 6 pm – St Matthew's Church.

We have been sent flyers for a number of interesting events – please see the attached posters for more information.

I hope that you all have a calm and peaceful weekend I look forward to meeting more new families next week

Best wishes

Mrs Warner
Head Teacher

**Friendship** **Discovery** **Prayer**