

DIARY DATES

w/b **Monday 23rd September** - School led after school clubs begin.
Tuesday 24th September - Reception Class to St James' Park
Wednesday 25th September - School Games TAG rugby tournament.
Thursday 26th September - 9am, School Hall, 'Sleep Workshop' with our Educational Psychologist. ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME.
Thursday 3rd October - 9am, School Hall, Coffee Morning in support of [Macmillan](#) Cancer Support. All parents/carers welcome.
Friday 4th October - School Games Cross County Event.
Tuesday 8th October - School Games Hockey Festival.
Wednesday 9th October - Harvest Festival, St Matthew's Church. 9.10am - Early Years and Key Stage 1; 9.35am - Key Stage 2. All parents/carers welcome.
Thursday 10th October - Year 4 visiting The Supreme Court.
Thursday 10th October - Parents' Reading Workshop, 9am, School Hall, Key Stage 2 reading curriculum. All parents/carers welcome.
Monday 14th October & Tuesday 15th October (& Wednesday 16th October for Year 3 parents) - Parents' Evenings. More information to follow.
2019-2020 Term Dates are on the school website. Absences for travel or holidays during term time are not authorised. Please check school term dates before booking any flights or making any travel arrangements.

LOOSE PARTS

Play opportunities for all children are developing well since we started our project with [OPAL](#) last year. Parents and carers can continue to help us with this ongoing project by donating any items on the list below. Please ensure the items are **clean, in good condition and are safe** and bring them into the school office or Early Years classes:

- Cushions, picnic blankets, rugs, mats
- Shells, sticks, pebbles
- Chalk
- Cardboard boxes, tubes
- Teddies, dolls
- Lego
- Dressing up clothes, old clothes, bags, hats, scarves
- Pegs and plastic clamps
- Toy cars, trains, dinosaurs, mini figures
- Wooden spoons, cups, bowls
- Saucepans, baking trays, sieves
- Clipboards, pens, paper
- Measuring tapes

UNIFORM

Our personalised school uniform on the Marks [and Spencer website](#) now includes a blazer as an optional school item. The PE hoodies are also very popular at the moment, but please remember that these are for PE lessons/trips only and shouldn't be worn as part of children's daily school uniform. The lost property box near the school office is overflowing with lost items of uniform - please do check it regularly if your child has lost an item of clothing. It is essential that children's clothes are labelled clearly with their name so that they can be returned to the correct person if they are lost. Please do check your child's uniform to check that they are not wearing anyone else's uniform by mistake and return it to school if your child mistakenly brings it home.



CHESS

Volunteers from Westminster School have kindly offered to run a lunchtime Chess Club on Thursdays, 1pm for Y5 & 6. Please email the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Congratulations to...

2019-2020 School Council

- Year 1** - Amalia, Bryan
- Year 2** - Marybella, Matthew
- Year 3** - Emily, Kezzy
- Year 4** - Jayson, Namira
- Year 5** - Megan, Shako
- Year 6** - Desard, Thea

2019-2020 House & Vice Captains

- Abbey** - Mayode, Tabitha
- Buckingham** - Tatiana, Jaydon
- Horseguards** - Sydney, Jacob
- Whitehall** - Zion, Chelsea

2019-2020 Playground Friends

- Reception** - Malik, Michael, Natasha
- Year 1** - Lottie, Sammy
- Year 2** - Amaiya, Kai
- Year 3** - Skyla, Tami
- Year 4** - Daniel, Dora
- Year 5** - Mena, Troy
- Year 6** - Daniela, Tristan

COMPASSION

Our theme last week was the Christian Value of 'compassion'. Year 5 wrote beautiful prayers on this theme and shared them in Mass. Thank you Afsana, Assia and Crystal:

Dear God, We thank you for all of our friends and family and for the new families in our school community. We thank you for everyone who helps us at school and we thank you for connecting us all together at St Matthew's. Help us to always show compassion and love to one another. Amen

ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS

These are being sent home and are also available on the school [website](#). Please do read through them with your child and return them to their class teacher when signed.

