



SEND

Newsletter Spring Term 2020



OFSTED 2020 - Thank You Parents

On behalf of myself and everyone at St Matthew's we would like to say a huge **thank you** to parents for supporting the ongoing hard work that staff put in daily to ensure that every pupil is provided with the opportunities needed to reach their potential. In our recent Ofsted inspection it was recognised that, *'leaders, staff and governors share high expectations for all pupils, including those with SEND'* and that *'pupils who need extra support get the help they need. This means that all pupils achieve well in a wide range of subjects.'*

When observing reading across the school, the Ofsted inspector also acknowledged the rigour and diligence of all teaching staff to ensure that SEND pupils needs are identified and met, stating, *'Teachers spot those children who are finding reading a little more difficult. They include those pupils with SEND. They are then given the support they need and catch up.'* We were delighted that the inspector recognised the hard work and dedication of staff and pupils with SEND at St Matthew's and again would like to thank parents for supporting us in being able to achieve the outcomes we and the pupils achieve.

A full copy of the Ofsted inspection can be found on the school website or <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>



SEND Governor Changes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cooper for the support she offered myself and the SEND pupils during her time as SEND governor. Mrs Cooper has made the decision to step down as the SEND governor and we would like to wish her all the best.

Mr Webb has now taken up the role of SEND governor at St Matthew's and we look forward to working with him in the near future.



"I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new SEND Link governor. My name is Martin Webb and I have been a co-opted governor for the school since October 2018 for ICT and Health & Safety. I am looking forward to adding SEND governor to my list of responsibilities. I am currently liaising with Mrs Wilson to outline an action plan for my involvement in SEND when we return to school. When things return to normal I expect to meet frequently with the SENCo and spend time within school to develop my understanding and knowledge of current SEND provision. Through my role I will be working as a champion for children with SEND, supporting the pupils, parents and staff to develop and continually evaluate and implement inclusive practises throughout the school".

HOME LEARNING

Due to the current situation many children are now accessing learning from home. We, as teachers, appreciate that this is not easy. Below I have listed a number of additional resources that can be used to support SEND pupils at this time:

- Government list of online education resources for home education:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education#special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send>
- **Twinkl** - Free SEND home learning pack:
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/send-school-closure-home-learning-resource-pack-t-s-2548769>
- **BBC Bitesize** - daily lessons and activities based on core subjects. Chose the year group that is most appropriate for your child.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>
- **Oxford Owl** - online reading materials. Children should have their own log ins in their reading journals.
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
- **Topmarks Maths** - online games ranging from age 5 - age 11
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- **Maths Frame** - free online Maths games
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

Keep up the good work. You are all doing an amazing job. Thank you.

Useful Contacts and Websites

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Family Connect	01952 385385 www.telford.gov.uk/info/20223/family_connect
Information Advice Support Service	01952 457176 www.telfordsendiass.org.uk
PODs - Parents Opening Doors	01952 271532 www.podstelford.org/
SEND Telford	www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php