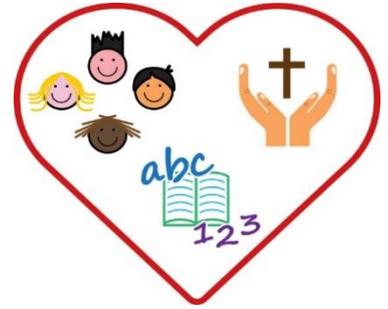


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



25/09/22

Dear Parents,

Happy New School Year! – I hope you all had a lovely summer break and the children are settled back into the routine of school again.

These letters have been useful in explaining the SEND process and how we can work together to support your child.

If you have concerns about your child, please see your GP about arranging a hearing test and make an appointment to have vision checked at the opticians. Some children struggle to see the whiteboard in class and may need glasses and some have undiagnosed hearing issue – often glue ear after a cold. If we can rule out these issues, it will help.

Some of you might get SEND reports from our specialist teacher, Penny Hunter. I am happy to go through these with you. If you are concerned about your child's progress, we can discuss the possibility of referring to Penny as I need written parental consent to do this. Penny is also doing some work on auditory processing issues so we can explore this if necessary.

Please check school bags as Pupil Passports and IEPs will be sent home shortly – if your child is receiving SEND support you will receive a copy.

Parents Evening is on Wednesday 15th October – please arrange to see me to discuss your child's needs.

Focus – fluency in maths – please help your child learn number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Once they are fluent and understand the place value in numbers, it is amazing how quickly confidence improves!

Paired counting – count with your child to 10, 20 and to multiples of 10 – some children get confused when crossing 10 numbers – make sure they know after 99 it is 100.

Play counting games – ask the child what number comes after and before a given number (number squares help with this so they can see the numbers).

Add and subtract 10 from a given number – use a 100 square to help the child see that when we add 10, it is the number below the given number and when we subtract 10, it is the number above.

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Yours faithfully,

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