



# ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday Newsletter No. 1

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September is Week 2 of the Autumn Term menu. Details are on the website

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 visit to Churchill War Rooms  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – 5MN Enabling Enterprise trip to Higgins  
Construction

#### OCTOBER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Individual and sibling photos  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM**

### WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM MISS RICHARDSON

It was lovely to see all the smiling faces of the pupils as they came through the gate yesterday, some returning and moving into new classes, others starting on their first day at St Matthew's, their new school. For some, starting the new school year can be really exciting and an opportunity to rise to new challenges, but for others, they may feel a little daunted, or worried. Hopefully those worries will soon be squashed as the children look forward to their lessons and learning new things. Hopefully they will share this with you so that you can join in and be part of their learning journey.

At St Matthew's there are always exciting opportunities for our children and we hope that this year will turn out to be memorable for the whole school community.



### AUTUMN TERM OPEN EVENING

The staff are looking forward to meeting all their parents at the first Open Evening of the school year on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. More details to follow soon.

## NEW TERM INFORMATION

Please can we ask that your child is in school on time each day and that they are collected from their classroom at 3.15pm. If your child is unwell and will not be attending that day, please call the school office before 9am. Mrs Winter, the Welfare Officer is also there to give advice if needed either in person or over the phone.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Club letters will be sent out soon which will give you details of the various after-school clubs on offer until the end of term.

## SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are paid for via the Parent Pay website and cost £2.23/day. You will need an activation letter for your child's Parent Pay account so please call at the office if you do not have one. We have been experiencing problems with our cashless till system this week so please bear with us as your Parent Pay account may not accurately reflect your balance.

## PROPERTY

Please note that the school has a mobile phone policy which can be obtained from the school office (for Year 5 & 6 pupils only who walk to and/or from school). Any property brought into school is the responsibility of the child. St Matthew's cannot be held responsible for the safety or security of any personal items.

## TEACHING STAFF 2016/17

Nursery	Miss D Hutchings
Reception	Miss A Kirkpatrick-Thor & Miss M McNally
Year 1	Miss T Hodge & Mrs R Dupree
Year 2	Mr R Fitzsimons & Miss R Howard
Year 3	Miss N McCreesh & Miss E Carson
Year 4	Mrs C Patel & Miss S Barrett
Year 5	Mr M Nelson & Miss J Perry
Year 6	Miss L Barr & Mr E Small

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you need to purchase school uniform, please complete an order form from the school office and place this with the correct money please, into a named envelope.

Please refer to the Uniform policy on our website for further details.

Thank you to the members of Parents Utd who come into school regularly to process the uniform orders.

Please can we remind you to name all items of uniform and property.

## MAILING LIST

Please sign up at the school office to receive the Friday News by email if you have not already done so. Alternatively, the Friday News can always be downloaded from the school website:

**[www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk)**

## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Swimming lessons start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and all Year 4 parents will have received a letter explaining what the children need to bring.

Please note that children cannot wear goggles.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Year 6 parents have the opportunity to visit Secondary schools over the next few weeks prior to making their application for places in Year 7.

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bishopshalt School 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Park Academy West London (was Stockley Academy) 6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Haydon School 6pm / Swakeleys School 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Wood School (was Abbotsfield) 6.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rosedale College 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Queensmead School 6pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Douay Martyrs Catholic School 5pm

### OCTOBER

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Uxbridge High 6pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harlington School 6pm / Harefield Academy 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Barnhill Community High School 6pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Ruislip High 5pm / Hewens College 6.30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Northwood School 6pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Guru Nanak Sikh Academy 5pm / Bishop Ramsey CofE School 6pm

For more information or advice about the transfer to Secondary School go to;

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or email [admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk)



## AUTUMN TERM 2017

### Autumn Term 2017

<i>Training Day 1:</i>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<i>Training Day 2:</i>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<i>Training Day 3:</i>	<i>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term starts:	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Half Term Holiday: 2017	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts:	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Term ends:	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Spring term 2018

<i>Training Day 4:</i>	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term starts:	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<i>Training Day 5:</i>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Half term Holiday:	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts:	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Term ends:	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term Starts:	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Term Ends:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Good Friday

1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – Easter Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 – Easter Monday

7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – May Day Bank Holiday (N.B. School closed)

28<sup>h</sup> May 2018 – Spring Bank Holiday

Please ensure any holidays are planned outside of term time. Please remember children should only be out of school for illness. The school is unable to absence from school for holidays.

Exceptional reasons for absence can be put in writing and will be considered on an individual basis.