



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday Newsletter No. 8

3rd November 2017

MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 6th November is Week 3 of the Autumn Term menu. Details are on the website

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IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER

Monday 6th

Year 1 trip to Neasden Temple /
2pm Parent's Utd AGM

Tuesday 7th

3EC visit to Yiewsley Library

Thursday 9th

3NM library visit

Friday 10th

1TH & 5MN class worship

Monday 13th

2RF library visit

Tuesday 14th

2RH library visit

Friday 17th

Children in Need non-uniform day /
3NM class worship / Year 4 Football
competition at Laurel Lane

Monday 20th

Last day for photograph orders

Wednesday 22nd

Year 2 trip to Iver Environment Centre

Friday 24th

3EC class worship

Monday 27th

Last week for after-school clubs



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.....

**This week the pupils have been thinking about
All Saints Day**

It was lovely to see so many of our pupils wearing their different uniforms on Wednesday as the school celebrated All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is important in the Christian calendar because of the belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in Heaven and the living and is a chance to honour all the Saints in Christian history, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day.

This day is celebrated in many different ways around the world including lighting candles for those family members who have gone to heaven while in English-speaking countries, the festival is traditionally celebrated with the hymn "For All the Saints" by Walsham How.

YEAR 4 REMINDER

On Monday 6th November, only class 4CP will be going swimming

SCHOOL CHOIR

Mrs Bennell had a great turnout to the choir rehearsals this week. Anyone who wants to join but couldn't get there, please go to the library on Wednesday; 12.00-12.30 for Years 1 & 2, 12.40-1.10 for Years 3-6.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Every family in the school will have received a letter today regarding free school meals.

Please can we ask you to complete all the relevant boxes and return it to the school office in the next 2 weeks.

The school really benefits from the funding we receive for all children who are entitled to free school meals.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do receive a 'free' lunch but the school still needs to know whether the family qualify for free school meals via the benefit system. Thank you for your time.

PARENTS UNITED AGM

Parents Utd will be holding their AGM at 2pm on Monday 6th November.

All our parents and carers are welcome to come along and learn what Parents Utd are doing to raise funds for the school.

MATHS WORKSHOP AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

A date for your diaries – there will be a Maths workshop followed by Christmas craft sessions for parents of Nursery & Reception children on Friday 1st December. More details to follow.

CLASS WORSHIP DATES

KS1 CLASSES

Friday 10th November 1TH

Friday 15th December 1RD

Worship starts at 9am in Key Stage 2 hall

KS2 CLASSES

Friday 10th November 5MN

Friday 17th November 3NM

Friday 24th November 3EC

Friday 1st December 6LB

Friday 8th December 4SB

The gate will open at 2.45pm for Worship to start at 2.50pm in Key Stage 2 hall.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The new climbing frame and exercise equipment are fantastic additions to the school playgrounds. However, this equipment is only insured to be used during the school day or in supervised activities out of hours.

Please help us to make sure your child does not play on any of the playground equipment either before school or at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

POPPIES

We will be selling poppies in the playgrounds at break times and other Remembrance items, before and after school and at morning break time.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The school will be supporting the charity Children in Need this year. Everyone can come into school wearing bright colours and/or spotty clothes on Friday 17th November. Please only suitable footwear (ie no boots, open sandals), no face paint or hair dye. We will also be selling glow in the dark wristbands from the school office from next week, priced £1.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Have you ever wanted to be a School Governor? If so, you may be interested to read more about this important role on our website;

<http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/106/parent-governor-elections>.

Please call in to the school office if you have any questions.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018

**Do you have a child born between 1
September 2013 and 31 August 2014?**

If so you must apply for your child to start primary school in September 2018 by **Monday 15 January 2018**.

For full details, key dates and to apply online, visit:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

or call 01895 556644.

DECATHLON DRAWING COMPETITION

Some of the schools in Hillingdon have entered into a drawing competition, organised by Decathlon. Please go to;

<https://www.decathlon.co.uk/drawing-competition-uxbridge.html>

and vote for St Matthew's! The winning school will receive £500 of sports equipment and enjoy a sports event, organised by Decathlon. Voting closes on 8th November so please vote now

MERIT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Merit Awards this week:

RKT	Praneeth Bommi	RMN	Chelsea Nimaro
1TH	Lee-Roy Rutwaza	1RD	Frankie Day
2RF	Abel Philip	2RH	Kian Gray-Fazio
3EC	Eyram Agbemabiese	3NM	Nikita Sinakovs
4CP	Sarah Lawson	4SB	Ashritha Balaji
5MN	Arpita Neure	5JP	Emily Leon
6LB	Djuan Aquino	6ES	Sophie Finnegan

The winners of the attendance awards this week are **2RF** with 98% attendance, closely followed by **3EC** with 97.9% attendance. A great effort from both classes!

School Matters!



RKT and **RMN** had everyone arrive on time last week. Congratulations to those pupils and their families for ensuring the children are ready to start their learning on time each day.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATES 2017

Thursday 30th November

KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert in St Matthew's Church at
2.15pm

Tuesday 5th December

KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert in St Matthew's Church at
10am

Wednesday 6th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performances in the KS2
hall;

10.40am for NAM & RMM

2.20pm for NPM & RKT

Friday 8th December

KS1 (Years 1 & 2) performance of 'The Hoity-Toity Angel'
in St Matthew's Church at 10am

Monday 18th December

Nursery Crib Services in St Matthew's Church at 8.30am &
2.40pm

