



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday Newsletter No. 12

1st December 2017

MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 4th December is Week 1 of the Autumn Term menu. Details are on the website

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Monday 4th

2pm Parents Utd meeting

Tuesday 5th

Secret Santa / 10am KS2 carol concert for parents

Wednesday 6th

9am Coffee morning for all families / 10.40 (NAM & RMM) & 2.20pm (NPM & RKT) Christmas performances / 5pm Pavilions Carol Concert

Friday 8th

10am KS1 Christmas performance for parents / 2.50pm 4SB Class worship

Monday 11th

Week for Christmas parties

Thursday 14th

We Act Club to Drayton Garden Village Home / Choir to St Matthew's Church for Carers' Christmas event

Friday 15th

9am 1RD class worship

Monday 18th

Nursery crib services

Tuesday 19th

School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th

Term ends at 2pm



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.....

This week the pupils have been thinking about Advent

The period of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day (in 2017 it will be on 3rd December) and will end on Christmas Eve. The Advent period is a time for Christians to get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Churches light candles each Sunday during Advent, in preparation for the final candle which represents Jesus, light of the world, which is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate his arrival.

The first candle lit during Advent is called the candle of Hope, and relates to the Old Testament prophets.

'May hope and love dwell in our hearts, this first week of Advent.'

SAFETY REQUEST

Please could we ask that children do not bring in any glass bottles or containers into school.

Also, please can we remind you not to put any food items containing nuts in children's lunch boxes.

Thank you.

NURSERY CRIB SERVICES

Our Nursery parents & carers are invited to join with the Nursery children for the Crib Services held in St Matthew's Church.

Please come along at 8.30am or 2.40pm on Monday 18th December. Everyone is welcome!

SECRET SANTA

Children will visit the stalls on the following dates;

Tuesday 5th December: Yrs 1, 2 & 6

Wednesday 6th December: Yrs 3, 4 & 5

Thursday 7th December: Nursery, Reception

If you would like your child to take part, please send the correct money in a named envelope along with a list of the recipients as the gifts will be gift wrapped and labelled and sent home that day. Most gifts cost £1. If you forget on the day your child's class is taking part, please can we ask you not to bring money in to the school office after school has started on the day but use the "catch up" day on Thursday where they will still be able to purchase presents.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner order forms have been sent home this week but please can we remind you that EVERY child needs to pre-order by completing and returning the green form by Friday 8th December.

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal but will still need to complete an order form.

Children from Year 3 to Year 6, unless entitled to free school meals, will need to make sure they have enough money on their ParentPay account on the day. The school is unable to accept cash for school dinners.

If your child has not ordered a lunch by 8th December, we would ask that you send them into school with a packed lunch on the day as the kitchen will not be able to provide extra food.



Monday 11th December –
Years 2 & 5

Tuesday 12th December –
Year 4 & Year 6 (swimming)

Wednesday 13th December –
Year 3

Thursday 14th December –
Nursery & Reception

Friday 15th December –
Year 1

Your class teacher will send home details of any requirements nearer the dates.

ADMISSIONS POLICY – CONSULTATION

Changes have been proposed to the Admissions Policy for St Matthew's CE Primary School for academic year 2019-2020. Before this amended policy can be determined by the Governing body and published, we are required to consult with parents of children in the locality of the school. The proposed policy is available on the school's website.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the changes please contact Jo Harris (Admissions Officer, Frays Academy Trust) by email to; admissions@fraysacademytrust.org

CATERING NEWS

Caterlink, our catering company, have vacancies for staff in their local schools, including St Matthew's.

They are looking to recruit enthusiastic, hardworking, cheerful team members who would be able to travel to different units within a 5 mile radius.

Hours would be to suit, term time only.

Please contact Vernice Berry on
07818 509 743
or email
vberry@caterlinkltd.co.uk

MERIT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

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

1TH Harrison N
2RF Ignacy K
3EC Mariama S
4CP Henry J
5MN Dulcie K
6LB Chloe S-C

1RD Samuel C
2RH Jessica N
3NM Amber J
4SB Skye I
5JP James C
6ES Jamie K

5JP were the outright winners of the attendance award this week with a perfect 100% attendance, closely followed by 4SB & 4CP, both with 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to all the pupils in those classes.

School Matters!



Five classes, RKT, 1TH, 3EC, 4SB and 6LB had everyone arrive on time last week. It really makes a difference when the children are ready to start their learning on time each day so thank you parents!

Coffee Mornings

These mornings will take place on set Wednesdays from

9:00 – 10:00 in the Key Stage 2 Hall.

All parents are welcome to come for a coffee (and other beverages) and pastries in the school hall.

Why should I come?

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Share strategies and advice
- ✓ Learn something new
- ✓ Short presentations on topics (with SEN focus)
- ✓ Get freebies linked to topic
- ✓ Have coffee (or tea) for free!



Meet and Greet: 6th December 2017

First coffee morning and we would love to see you there!

- ★ Talk to other parents and start a supportive networking group
- ★ Meet Linda who is the Family Support Worker, Lucy who is the Assistant Educational Psychologist and the Learning Mentors
- ★ Share your voice on how you would like these mornings to run
- ★ Let us know what themes you would like to have (For instance, bedtime routines, helping with homework, transition into secondary school and supporting autism and ADHD...)

Teachers need ongoing support so why shouldn't parents and carers get the same level of support?

For more information please contact Mrs Underwood (SENCo) or Miss Blinson (Assistant Psychologist) on smatthews@frayiaacademytrust.org



Fantastic news...

Magical Maths is coming to St. Matthew's
C. E. Primary School!!

Magical Maths is a super fun after school club designed to boost children's confidence and better engage them with maths.

The club runs for an hour a week after school starting **Tuesday 23rd January** and will run for 6 weeks. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes!

For more information and to sign up, visit:

www.magicalmathsclub.com

Or call

0203 051 3362

Places are limited so sign up quick!