



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday Newsletter No. 13

8th December 2017

MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 11th December is Week 2 of the Autumn Term menu. Details are on the website

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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

8.30am & 2.40pm Nursery crib services

Tuesday 19th

School Christmas lunch / Carols around the Crib

Term ends at 2pm on Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM

SCHOOL REOPENS ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2018

JANUARY

Friday 5th

Magical Maths Assembly for pupils

Thursday 11th

Pantomime for Nursery, Reception, Years 1-3



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.....

This week the pupils have been thinking about the Prophets at Advent time

In Church on Wednesday, one of our Year 1 pupils lit the second Advent candle and Revd Richard told us about the prophets in the Bible.

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah and other prophets were not always understood or believed by the people. They promised that there would be a great light in Bethlehem and a Prince would come to us to bring peace between man and God.

We can learn from the prophets, however, how important for us all to speak the truth sometimes in difficult situations. Advent is a time for us not only to look back and give thanks for those who spoke out bravely in the past but to look around and notice the prophets of today.

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

The children will once again be singing carols around the crib this Christmas time. Please come along and support your child's class – we are also collecting for Great Ormond Street so please bring your pennies!

The classes will be singing for approximately 20 minutes from the following times;

1.30pm – Nursery & Reception classes

2.00pm – Year 1 & 2

2.30pm – Years 3-6

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

CHARITY INFORMATION

Thank you to all our families who helped us to raise a total of **£482.93** for this year's Poppy Appeal, even surpassing last year's fantastic fundraising.

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!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Monday 11th December

Years 2 & 5

Tuesday 12th December

Year 6 (swimming) & Year 4

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 for the parties.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

If you have not booked your child's Christmas lunch, please ensure you do this by **9am on Monday 11th December**.

Any child who has not booked a lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch on the day as the kitchen will not be able to cook extra food.



MERIT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Apologies as last week's Merit, Attendance & Punctuality awards were incorrect. These are the correct winners;

29th November 2017

RKT	Jorja C	RMM	Oskar B
1TH	Harrison N	1RD	Jonathan W
2RF	Lexie R	2RH	David D
3EC	Ludovic P	3NM	Noel R
4CP	Khushee R	4SB	Harithra S M
5MN	Lewis W	5JP	Danny G
6LB	Kieran F	6ES	Amaani M

2RF had a perfect 100% attendance and were the outright winners of the attendance award. 4SB, with 99.7% attendance were just a whisker behind so well done to both those classes.

In RMM, 3EC, 3NM, 4CP, 4SB and 6LB, every pupil arrived on time so they share the punctuality award. Thank you parents for helping your child get the best possible start to the school day!



6th December 2017

RKT	Thomas R	RMM	Genesis T
1TH	Harrison	1RD	Monika N
2RF	Rebecca M	2RH	Georgi D
3EC	Georgia F	3NM	Isobelle S
4CP	Kai Bannister	4SB	Erin Whiting
5MN	Daniel F	5JP	Casey O
6LB	Antonina	6ES	Amaani M

The Year 3 classes, 3EC and 3NM, were the joint winners of the attendance award this week with 99.4% attendance, closely followed by RMM with 98.9% attendance. Congratulations to all the pupils in those classes.

There were 6 classes again with every pupil arriving on time this week – RMM, RKT, 1TH, 3EC, 3NM & 6LB. A great effort from those classes.

TERM DATES FOR PARENTS

2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

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

Spring term 2018

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

Summer Term 2018

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

30th March 2018 – Good Friday

1st April 2018 – Easter Sunday

2nd April 2018 – Easter Monday

7th May 2018 – May Day Bank Holiday (N.B. School closed)

28th May 2018 – Spring Bank Holiday