



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday Newsletter No. 15

5th January 2018

MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 8th January is Week 2 of the new Spring Term menu. Details are on the website.

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IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY

Thursday 11th	Pantomime for Nursery, Reception, Years 1-3
Friday 12th	2RF visit to St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge
Monday 15th	1TH visit to Yiewsley Library
Tuesday 16th	1RD visit to Yiewsley Library / Open Evening for all parents
Friday 19th	2RH to St Margaret's Church / year 6 pupils on Bikeability course to bring in bikes / 2.50pm 5JP class worship
Monday 22nd	Bikeability course for Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 23rd	Year 4 visit to St Paul's
Friday 26th	2.50pm 4SB Class worship
Tuesday 30th	SATs information session for Yr 2 & Yr 6 parents

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.....

This week the children have been thinking about the Epiphany of the Lord

We really hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and friends.

For the Church, the New Year brings Epiphany as we recall the Wise Men or Kings, coming from the East who were led by the light of a star to visit the baby Jesus, born in a stable in Bethlehem. They had found the glory and the light of Jesus Christ as they took part in unwrapping the first Christmas for all people and nations.

Jesus can be found today amidst the wrapping paper and Christmas lights, and as we celebrate the New Year, even the darkest of winter nights gives way to the light of the dawn of each new day.

With this, comes new beginning offering hope to all who would believe that Jesus Christ, the shepherd King, is the light of the world that pierces through the darkness.

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hillbeck and Miss Sargood to the non-teaching team at St Matthew's on Monday 8th January. They will be working as Learning Support Assistants in Year 4 and Year 1 respectively.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

You will shortly be receiving a list of after-school clubs which are available for the Spring term. Please can you return your request slip to the school office as soon as possible as places are allocated on a first come basis. You will receive notification regarding which club your child has been allocated by the end of next week. After-school clubs will start week commencing Monday 15th January.

PGL PARENTS' MEETING

There will be a parents' information session in the KS2 hall at 3.30pm on Tuesday 23rd January.

KS2 CLASS WORSHIPS FOR PARENTS

19th Jan – 5JP
26th Jan – 4SB
2nd Feb – 5MN
23rd Feb – 3EC
2nd Mar – 4CP
9th Mar – PGL Rivals
16th Mar – 3NM
23rd Mar – PGL

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY COURSE

There are still some places available on the Year 6 Bikeability course starting in school on Monday 22nd January. If you need more information, please call at the school office. Deadline for applying is Monday 8th January.

SATS INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 2 & YEAR 6

We will be holding an information meeting in the Key Stage 2 Hall at 5.00pm on Tuesday 30th January about the Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) that your child will be taking in the summer term. We aim to explain the assessment process and give you examples of ways in which you can support your child. Some past examples of the SATs will be available for you to look at and there will be a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Please note that SATs week for Year 6 pupils will be week commencing Monday 14th May 2018.

POLITE NOTICE

Please can we ask that parents do not stop to look in at the Nursery windows. We are encouraging the pupils' independence and this can be quite distracting for them. Thank you.

REMINDER

Please can we remind you that children's school uniform skirts are to be knee length. Thank you.

MAGICAL MATHS CLUB

The children had an assembly today from the team at Magical Maths who will be running an after-school club to boost the confidence of pupils in KS1 and KS2 in maths lessons.

The club will run for 6 weeks, starting Tuesday 23rd January and will last for 1 hour. For more information and to sign up, please visit;

www.magicalmathsclub.com or call 0203 0513362.

OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 16th JANUARY

We hope to see all our parents at our Spring Term Open Evening.....

This meeting is important as class teachers and staff will share with you what the children have been learning in the Autumn Term and targets they will need to aim towards for the rest of the school year. It will give you an ideal opportunity to discuss ways to work together with school for the benefit of your child and you can agree the specific targets that your child will be working on in school and at home.

Sign-up sheets for appointments are available for Nursery-Year 5.

There are some morning appointments available for a number of classes as well as some slots during the school day. Please see your class's sign-up sheet for further details.

There are two time blocks for Year 6 parents, 3.30-5.00pm or 5.00-6.30pm, as the children in this year group are taught by a number of different staff (Miss Barr, Mr Small, Mrs Papadakis and Mr Davies). The Year 6 teachers will have this sign-up sheet with them at the end of the school day or, if you do not collect your child from school, please send your child in with a note with details of your preferred time slot.

It is really important that the teachers see every child's parents so that they can work together to support their child's learning and progress.



ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

Changes have been proposed to the Admissions Policy for St Matthew's CE Primary School for academic year 2019-2020. 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

Consultation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NURSERY PARENTS

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 15th January 2018.**

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

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please note that, if you submitted a Church form with your Nursery application, signed by your Pastor, Priest or Vicar, you **will** need to submit a new Church reference form to support your application for full time school.