



# ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday Newsletter No. 3

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

### MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September is Week 1 of the Autumn Term menu. Details are on the website

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### IMPORTANT DATES SEPTEMBER

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 9am Parent Council meeting  
After-school clubs start

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 5MN Enabling Enterprise trip to  
O.M.D., London

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Harvest worship in Church

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 'Pizza Day' theme menu;  
2pm Parents Utd meeting

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Parents & Carers Evening

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Individual and sibling photos

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 6ES to RAF Bunker

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 6JP to RAF Bunker

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM**

### SAINT FRANCIS

The School community had time this week to reflect on the four Saints who give their names to our School Houses - Clare, Francis, Norbert and Teresa.

St Francis wrote what is considered to be the perfect prayer, for all those who desire peace;

*'Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.....'*



# Information for Parents

## STAFFING

We received sad news this week that Mrs Roberts, who had worked at St Matthew's for over 30 years, passed away after an illness. Mrs Roberts worked as a Learning Support Assistant and welfare lady during her time in school and will be fondly remembered by all. She left St Matthew's three years ago to move to the South Coast to be with her son. We send our sympathy to all her family and friends.

## PARENT COUNCIL

All our parents and carers are invited to the next Parent Council meeting in school at 9am Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Do come along and meet some new friends!

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs will start next week. If your child no longer wants the place they have been allocated, please let Mrs Wilson in the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

This year we will be supporting the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank at Harvest time and they have highlighted that they are in need of the following items;

- Tinned Fish— tuna, mackerel, sardines etc.
- Tinned Meat— ham, spam, chicken curry, meatballs, minced beef etc.
- Tinned Fruit— pineapple, pears, fruit cocktail etc.
- Tinned Vegetables—potatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn etc.
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Custard— tins, cartons or packets
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Milk—UHT cartons, 500ml or 1 litre size

These items can be taken into classes from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you for your support.

## PARENT VOICE - SURVEYS

Pupils from Year 1 - 6 will have received a 'Parent Voice' survey this week to take home. Please can we ask that these are returned to the school office by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Please can we remind all parents that uniform skirts and pinafore dresses must be navy blue. Trousers can be worn but must be grey.

PE kits should be in school every day. If you need to order any items of clothing, or a book bag, please complete a form at the school office.

## YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

We are hoping to run another Bikeability course in the Spring term. If any Year 6 pupils who didn't get a place this time would like to sign up, please see Mrs Wilson in the School Office.

### PARENT & CARERS EVENING

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding the first Parents & Carers evening of the year. Please come along any time from 3.45-7.00pm where you will have a chance to meet your child's class teacher, look at their books and find out their targets. There is no need to book appointments. All parents are welcome.

### PARENTS UTD

Parents Utd will be selling refreshments and second-hand uniform in the KS1 hall until 5.30pm.

### FOOD TASTING!

While you're in school, why not come along to the KS2 hall.

Caterlink, our school meals provider, will have a selection of food for sampling so if you're trying to persuade your child to try a school lunch or you have any questions to ask, please come along to the KS2 hall between 4.00-6.00pm.

### FRIDAY CLASS WORSHIP DATES PARENTS AND CARERS INVITED!

#### KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Worship starts at 9am

12 <sup>th</sup> October	2RF
19 <sup>th</sup> October	2NT
9 <sup>th</sup> November	1KT
30 <sup>th</sup> November	1KS

#### KS2 (Years 3- 6) Worship starts at 2.50pm, doors open at 2.45pm

28 <sup>th</sup> September	6JP
5 <sup>th</sup> October	5MC
12 <sup>th</sup> October	3RD
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	5MN
9 <sup>th</sup> November	3AB
16 <sup>th</sup> November	4SB
7 <sup>th</sup> December	6ES

**'Every child has the right to an outstanding education'**

### MERIT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

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

1KS	Arfa	1KT	Kirill
2RF	Jadon	2NT	Rishi
3AB	Rehan	3RD	Sacha
4DH	Amanda	4SB	Frankie
5MC	Joshua	5MN	Rushda
6JP	Ruchi	6ES	Jud

Class **4SB** win the Attendance Award with a fantastic 100% attendance, closely followed by **4DH** with 99.3%. **4SB** and **4DH** also share the Punctuality Award for last week with every child arriving at school on time. Well done to all those pupils and families – it really makes a difference. Congratulations Year 4!

## PARENTS UTD

Parents Utd are a fantastic group of parents who raise money throughout the year to benefit all our pupils. Last year, for example, they bought the hoodies for Year 6 and paid for their Leavers' Prom, paid for the duckling eggs in Early Years, donated towards the outdoor exercise equipment in the back playground and will be purchasing a new projector in the KS2 hall. Please come along to their next meeting, at 2pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – they would love to have some new members on board and will make you feel very welcome!

## 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.

Please go to <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary> for details of Open Evenings.

Dates for this week are:

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Rosedale College	6.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Queensmead School	5.30pm
	Oak Wood School	6.00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Douay Martyrs School	5.00pm
	Haydon School	6.00pm

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)

Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Talking Families** (ESOL writing course) – places are still available on this course. To take part, please go along to Laurel Lane Primary School for the first session, 1pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with your Photo ID and a utility bill showing proof of address.

**Triple P Parents Course** – This course is being held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9.15-10.45am at Laurel Lane School. Please contact Brilliant Parents on 0203 4907 007 or email: [enquiries@brilliantparents.org](mailto:enquiries@brilliantparents.org)

**Community English Groups** – a list of community groups can be found at: [www.reap.org.uk](http://www.reap.org.uk)

## COMING SOON.....

PSD, our sports coaches, will be running a Dodgeball week and some Street Dance sessions in half term at Laurel Lane Primary School. Leaflets and registration forms will be going home to parents very soon!