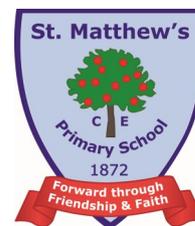


Friday News

No.15: 21st December 2018



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'Forward through Friendship and Faith'

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St Matthew's School Yiewsley

Miss Barr, all the staff and Governors would like to wish our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thought of The Week

The children have been thinking about Christmas!

The performances and parties are over now and as we leave school for the Christmas break, take some time out to reflect on the joy which Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds would have felt all those years ago.

'Dear God, as we prepare to celebrate the birth day of your son, help us to find some moments of peace. Grant peace in our homes, peace in our churches and peace in our hearts.'

Thank You for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas. In Jesus' name, Amen.'



Diary Dates



Fri 21st - School finishes at 2pm



**SPRING TERM BEGINS ON MONDAY
7th JANUARY 2019**

Mon 7th - 4DH swimming lessons this half term; 3.15pm Meet & Greet session for parents in RZN

Tues 8th - Yr 6 BAA Stixx workshop in school

Thurs 10th - Reception Hearing & Vision checks

Mon 14th - 9am Maths workshop for parents

Tues 15th - Year 5 First aid training in school

Fri 18th - One World Day theme menu - details to follow; 2.30-3.15pm Stay & Play session for Reception parents

Mon 21st - After-school clubs start

Tues 22nd - Yr 4 to St Paul's

Fri 25th - Revd Richard going to St Paul's Cathedral service with selected pupils

Mon 28th - Year 6 Bikeability course starts



Fri 1st - 3AB Enabling Enterprise trip to Oliver Wyman; Drama workshops for Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 & 2

Thurs 7th - 3.30pm Parent Council meeting

Mon 11th - 30 pupils visiting Sky Academy

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY AWARDS 10th - 14th December 2018



Class	% Attend	Class	% Attend
RTK	96	3RD	96
RLB	91	4DH	99.3
1KT	94.5	4SB	100
1KS	98.6	5MN	96.8
2RF	96.4	5MC	96.2
2NT	95.7	6ES	92.9
3AB	99.3	6JP	97.9

ATTENDANCE

4SB won the attendance last week with an amazing **100%** while **3AB** came a close second with **99.3%**. Attendance at school is really important so that every child can reach their full potential. Please note we do not authorise holiday during term time.

PUNCTUALITY

4SB won the Punctuality Award with every child in class arriving on time. Arriving late can make your child feel sad, embarrassed and they miss valuable learning time.

The following children have gained awards from their teachers for working extra hard this week:

RTK Nicole	RLB Berta	1KS Dezaire	1KT Raoul
2NT Samar	2RF Chrissanya	3AB Vivienne	3RD Leo
4SB Esther	4DH Shyla	5MN George	5MC Kyle
	6ES Levi	6JP Diana	

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Kheir is leaving St Matthew's today as she is expecting a baby and, unfortunately, is unable to continue in her current role. We are delighted, however, to welcome Ms Nurmohamed who will be joining us in January as class teacher and Early Years Leader. We thank Mrs Kheir for all she has done during her time here and wish her well for the future.

PARENT PAY

In the Spring Term we will be using Parent Pay to pay for school trips as well as dinner money. We will be sending more information out in the new term. However, if you haven't yet activated your Parent Pay account, please can you do this before we return in January. Thank you.

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

**Perseverance, Responsibility,
Kindness, Respect,
Patience, Courage,
Unity**

PARENT MAIL

The school currently uses 'Call Parents' to send text messages to parents in the event of school closures, club cancellations or truancy queries. From mid January, we will be using the Parent Mail system and your child will have received a letter with more information about this move.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The menu for the week commencing Monday 7th January 2019 is Week 1 of the new Spring Term menu. You can find our new Spring Term menu;

<http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/136/school-dinners>

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES

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CELEBRATING SUCCESSES!

If your child has a recent achievement you'd like to share with our school Facebook community, such as a sporting, musical or creative award, please send a photo and a short summary to the school email address and we will share their special moment!

Email: stmatthews@fraysacademytrust.org

Please could you also state in the email, that you give permission for us to post the photo on the school Facebook page.

YEAR 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP

25th Feb - 1st March 2019

The school has now paid the final balance to PGL. If you have not yet paid the whole amount (£273), please ensure that you speak to the school office as soon as possible so that we know when to expect the balance will be paid.

POLITE NOTICE

Please could we ask parents to be mindful of using inappropriate language at the school gates and on the driveway.
Thank you!

COMMUNICATION

We will be uploading all the letters we send out onto our website page 'Letters Home', so that parents can check that paper copies have not been left in bags or trays! Please go to;

<http://www.st-matthews.hillingdon.sch.uk/176/letters-home>

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you once again to Mrs Young for ordering and selling our school uniform. However, one of our parents has a Facebook page with information about second hand school uniform which may also be useful;

<https://m.facebook.com/SecondhandSchoolGear/>

SAVE THE DATES

Maths Workshop

Mr Small will holding a maths workshop for parents on Monday 14th January at 9am. All parents are welcome but it is recommended mainly for parents from Year 2 to Year 6.

Parent Council meeting on Thursday 7th February at 3.30pm. All parents & carers are welcome. School pupils will be supervised in school by staff.

'Every child has the right to an outstanding education'

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM REVD RICHARD YOUNG

Dear Parents and Carers,

How are you getting on with all your Christmas preparations? I know some people who've been completely ready, with all the presents bought and even wrapped, for weeks! I seem to get to this point every year and feel less prepared for Christmas than ever. You'd think I'd learn from experience, wouldn't you!

In church on Wednesday I showed the children a huge early Christmas present that had been left for me. It was beautifully wrapped and looked very enticing. I asked them what they thought was inside. A dog and a cat were the most popular suggestions! A couple of children then helped me to open it. Everyone was very excited. But when we opened the present, inside was another, much smaller wrapped present. In that one was another one, and so on. Eventually we ended up with a tiny, beautifully wrapped present, and when we opened that one, inside was the tiny figure of the baby Jesus from our nativity set at home.

We then thought about how all of us can sometimes get very excited when the biggest present under the tree has our name on it, whereas sometimes the best, most precious gifts are the little ones given with love. I expect for many of you, some of the most precious presents you will receive this Christmas will be the Secret Santa gifts chosen for you by your children as signs of their love for you.

We then reflected about how, at the heart of Christmas is a tiny gift – the little, helpless baby Jesus. He is God's greatest gift to us of all and shows us how much God loves us. To remind us of that, the main doors of the church have been decorated with ribbons to look like a beautifully wrapped present. Have a look as you walk past, and as you do, remember the tiny, most precious gift of love that we celebrate at Christmas.

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy a wonderful, happy and peaceful Christmas. You would be very welcome to St Matthew's or any of the other local churches over the festive season.

Revd Richard Young, Vicar, St Matthew's Church Yiewsley, Area Dean of Hillingdon



COMMUNITY NEWS

COURSES FOR ALL!

Mrs Smith, our Family Support Worker, has asked us to advertise the following courses;

ESOL (learn to speak & understand English)

Enrolment takes place at 1pm on Monday 7th January 2019 at Laurel Lane Primary School. Please bring with you Photo ID and a utility bill showing proof of address.

Course start date is Monday 14th January 2019 at 1pm. Sorry no crèche available.

FAMILY CARING TRUST (Parenting course)

Are you tired of your toddlers tantrums? Struggling to get your child to bed or to stay there? Frustrated with your child's fussy eating? Then you are not alone!

Parenting is not easy! Why not come along to our free course starting in January and get some great tips and ideas to help you along in your parenting journey.

A free 6 week programme for parents with at least one child aged 0 - 5 years, the course provides an opportunity to explore strategies to support around behaviour, routines and boundaries.

When: Wednesdays from 1pm - 3pm for 6 weeks, starting on 9th January 2019.

Where: Yiewsley Children's Centre, 74 Colham Avenue, UB7 8HF

Tel: 01895 558194

email: Yiewsleycc@hillingdon.gov.uk

Crèche can be provided for children aged 6 months - 5 years

More information about the local Children's Centres can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

CODING CLUB

Do your children love video games? Do they spend hours on the computer? Do they know how to create their own games? Well if so, they can now join a coding club, launching on 12th January 2019 at Yiewsley Library, to learn the basics of the computer coding programme 'Scratch'.

Open to children aged 9-13, there will be sessions in 6 week blocks on Saturday mornings from 10-11am. The club is free but booking is essential.

Contact Yiewsley Library on 01895 558286 or email yiewsley-library@hillingdon.gov.uk for more information or to book a place.



ADULT EDUCATION & PARENTING COURSES

Within the Yiewsley & West Drayton

Children's Centres

(for families with children under 5 yrs, crèche available)

COURSE	LOCATION	DATES	DAY & TIME
ESOL: READING	Cherry Lane Children's Centre	15/01/19-19/03/19	Tuesday's 13:00 - 15:00 pm
FIRST AID (2hr workshops available every month)	All 3 centres (Please call to register your interest)	TBC	Various
FIRST STEPS - IT	Colham Manor Children's Centre	17/01/19-21/03/19	Thursday's 9:30 - 11:30 am
NUTRITION AND BALANCE	Yiewsley Children's Centre	15/01/19-21/03/19	Tuesday's 9:30 - 11:30 am
PARENTING (A course for parents with children aged 0 - 6 years)	Yiewsley Children's Centre	09/01/19-13/02/19	Wednesday's 13:00 - 15:00 pm
TRANSITION (supporting children aged 8 mths - 2yrs to transition from their parents)	Cherry Lane Children's Centre	03/01/19-24/01/19	Thursday's 13:00 - 14:00 pm

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