



11th January 2018

Teaching Practice

We will have a number of student teachers, completing a Teaching Practice in the School. The children will remain under the care and supervision of their class teacher at all times. The dates are as follows:

15th January – 9th February

Gena McKay: Junior Infants
Fiona Clements: 4th Class

26th February – 23rd March

Gena McKay: 3rd Class
Fiona Clements: Senior Infants

9th April – 18th May

Katie Byrne: 2nd Class
Catherine Glasheen: 1st Class

Natasha McCobb will be completing a Teaching Practice in Fifth Class and Louise Newe will be completing a Teaching Practice in Sixth Class. Dates to be confirmed.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 2 2017/2018

Term 2 Extra Curricular Activities are now taking place. Registration is open on our website

www.stmatts.ie or return Registration Form with payment to the School Office.
(Cheques made payable to St. Matthew's National School).

Flu Season

At St. Matthew's, staff will continue to take the following steps to help prevent the spread of viruses at our school:

- Ensure posters and signage regarding flu, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are appropriately displayed in the school.
- Remind students to practice good hand hygiene and ensure that they have the time and facilities to wash their hands as often as necessary. Children and staff also have access to hand sanitiser.
- Practicing good hand hygiene school wide and encouraging all to covering their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing (e.g. sneezing into a tissue or elbow)
- Avoiding sharing pens, crayons, pencils where possible.
- Ensure regular cleaning of surfaces and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact such as desks, door knobs and keyboards with usual cleaning agents.
- Keeping an eye out for students with symptoms of flu and arrange for them to go home as soon as possible.

We strongly encourage the following:

- If your child gets sick with a flu-like illness you should keep your child at home and away from others as much as is possible to avoid spreading infection to others. If they are sick with flu they should stay home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms.
- Teach your child good health habits, including how to wash their hands correctly and how to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow.



Free-standing Basketball Hoops Wanted!

If you have a free-standing basketball hoop that you no longer use, we would gladly give it a new home! Please speak to Mick if you think you may have something suitable.