



11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

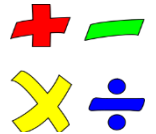
### GOAL Jersey Day

On 12<sup>th</sup> October, we are hosting 'Jersey Day', a fundraising event for GOAL. Children are invited to wear a jersey of their choice. Children are asked to bring a small donation of €2 towards the charity and their current work. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and generosity.



### Maths Week

Maths Week Ireland is being held from the 13<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> October. There will be lots of fun Maths activities being held in school. Check out <http://www.mathsweek.ie/2018/> for more events around Ireland!



### Dress Up Parade

Our 'Dress Up Parade' will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

Children are invited to dress up should they wish to do so. There is no theme this year. Parents are welcome to attend the parade. We hope to hold it in the school yard (weather permitting), otherwise it will be in the school hall.

Please note the following:

- Young children can be easily frightened by some costumes, no outfit or mask should be so scary that it causes this reaction.
- The use/inclusion of fake blood and weapons is not permitted
- Costumes must allow the children to be/move as normal during the school day and should be suitably warm for an October morning.

### Mid-Term Break Closure

**Reminder: The school will be closed for the October Mid-Term Break from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November inclusive.**

(Usual home-times apply and Afterschool Club, Drama and Spanish take place as usual on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October). The school will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am.

### Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November – School Closed

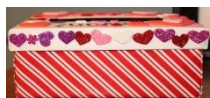
The Primary School will be closed to facilitate planning and in-service training for the new Primary Language Curriculum.

We have worked with Star of the Sea and Lakelands to plan this date. KidsInc have been notified of this date, we hope they will facilitate a session for the school day.

*(The Pre-School will remain open as usual).*



### Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal



This year St. Matthew's will be taking part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Many of you will be familiar with this project from previous years. Shoeboxes are filled with school items, hygiene items, small clothing items, toys etc. and sent to needy children across the world.

We will be asking that shoeboxes be prepared at home and dropped to school for collection. Leaflets will be distributed on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

We are asking that **completed shoeboxes be returned to school by 7<sup>th</sup> November** and they will be collected from school by Team Hope.



### Upcoming Events at St. Matthew's Church

- \* The Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am. All welcome.
- \* The beautifully refurbished St. Matthew's Church will be rededicated on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm by the Archbishop of Dublin. All welcome. A special choir is being put together for the occasion. Should your son/daughter wish to join, please let the School Office know, thank you.

### 2019 School Calendar

The PTA are currently creating the 2019 School Calendar. If you/your company wish to sponsor the Calendar, please speak to your class PTA Rep or email [secretary@stmatts.ie](mailto:secretary@stmatts.ie)

Shane McCarthy will be taking the photos for the calendar on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October! Further details to follow.