



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

### **Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)**

A child in the school has suspected Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) which is quite common at the moment. HFMD is usually a short, mild illness that mainly affects children. Most children recover fully within a week. This illness is NOT related to the disease with a similar name that affects animals. HFMD most commonly affects younger children. It is a viral infection and the symptoms are feeling unwell, a high temperature, sore throat and small spots inside the mouth that can develop into small mouth ulcers. In some cases, spots can develop on the skin. The incubation period is 3-5 days.

If your child is unwell we ask that they are kept at home until they are fully better.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **St. Matthew's Gardening Committee**

The St. Matthew's Gardening Committee are looking for volunteers to give an hour to help weed our St. Matthew's flower beds on Friday 18th May. Come along anytime between drop off in the morning and 10.00 am. If possible, please bring your own shovels and gardening gloves. It will be a weather dependent event! The committee is also looking for donations of any small trees or large shrubs for our beds. Thank you!

Congratulations to all of our Student Teachers for completing successful Teaching Practices at our school. Thank you for the care you took of our children and the wonderful creative lessons you put together. Thank you to Catherine Glasheen (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Katie Byrne (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Natasha McCobb (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Louise Newe (6<sup>th</sup> Class). St. Matthew's N.S. wishes them all the best in their future careers.

### **Voluntary Contribution Reminder**

St. Matthew's has a proud tradition of offering each child the best start in Education and strives to provide an environment in which each child will maximise their potential.

This is achieved for the most part through government funding that provides the teaching staff and also grants towards the School's facilities. However, every year there is a funding gap, which thankfully due to the fantastic community of St. Matthew's, gets closed through the generosity of both people's time and donations.

The Voluntary Donation appeal was launched recently. Many, many thanks to those who have responded to date. We would like to make this appeal to all parents to donate what you can.

The easiest way to make a donation is to make an online payment using our Aladdin online payment system. Just visit our website [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie) and click on "Make Payment Now".

Further information and forms are available at the School Office or email [secretary@stmatts.ie](mailto:secretary@stmatts.ie)

Thank you for your co-operation.



## May Mid-Term Break Camp at St. Matthew's National School

The May mid-term break is fast approaching and we are delighted to announce that Kids Inc will be running a May Mid-Term Break Camp at St. Matthew's National School **from 8.30am – 6.00pm from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. The cost is €60 per day with limited availability.

**BOOKING FORM:** <https://tinyurl.com/kidsincmay>

If you have any questions please contact us on 01 6215790.

### Dates For Your Diary 2018

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Inclusive</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday & Mid-Term Break ( <i>usual home times apply on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May</i> ) <b><i>Kids Inc will be running a camp Tuesday – Friday please see below for further information.</i></b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Class Trip to the Gaeltacht, Donegal
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class School Tour – National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 ( <i>More info to follow by email to parents</i> )
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Sports Day ( <i>further details and timetable to follow</i> )
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Pre-School, Junior & Senior Infants School Tour – Go Kids Go, Coolmine, Dublin 15 ( <i>More info to follow by email to parents</i> )
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour – Adventure World at UCD Sports Centre ( <i>More info to follow by email to parents</i> )
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class School Tour – Carlingford Adventure Centre, Co. Louth ( <i>More info to follow by email to parents</i> )
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays @ 12pm for all pupils
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School opens following the Summer Holidays