



18th May 2017

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd May	Santry Athletics Competition
Thursday 25th May	Junior Infant Vaccinations
Thursday 1st June	International Day
Friday 2nd June	Junior & Senior Infants Host Assembly, 9am, St. Matthew's Church (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Monday 5th June	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th June	Junior & Senior Infants Sight and Hearing Screening
Tuesday 6th -Friday 9th June	Active Week
Friday 9th June	Colours Cup & Family Day (please see further information below)
Monday 12th June	3 rd & 4 th Class School Tour (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Tuesday 13th June	Pre-School, Junior & Senior Infants School Tour (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Thursday 15th June	1 st & 2 nd Class School Tour (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Monday 26th June	6 th Class School Tour (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Tuesday 27th June	6 th Class Graduation, 9am, St. Matthew's Church (<i>more information to follow</i>)
Wednesday 28th June	School closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm for all pupils
Tuesday 29th August	School re-opens following Summer Holidays

Cycling & Helmets

It is wonderful to see so many children cycling to school. We notice that many are coming to school on bikes without helmets. In the interest in your child's safety, we ask that no child would cycle to school without a helmet to protect his/her head.

If any pupil is intending to leave St. Matthew's at the end of this academic year, please let the school know immediately. This is in order to accommodate those waiting to take up places.

Questionnaire for 'On Site' After School Care at St. Matthew's N.S.

The Board of Management are looking into the possibility of renting the school out to an After School Care Service from 2.10pm to 6.30pm to both provide an invaluable service to parents and to bring in a steady income which could be directly invested into our pupils and school. In the first instance, the Board wishes to establish whether there is a need for and interest in such a facility at our school. Attached to this note you will find a questionnaire, this is a basic survey to establish interest. Should the Board decide to facilitate such a service, we would ensure that it does not impinge on our established extra curricular activities. Should interest be low, the programme will not proceed. If you have an interest in a service such as this, please complete the questionnaire and return it to the school office by Thursday 25th May.

We are looking for more parent volunteers to help regularly with our fantastic Library on Mondays. If you would be available to help, please let the School Office know or email secretary@stmatts.ie



A note from the PTA

St. Matthew's Swap Shop

As we fast approach the end of term, and the end of the St. Matthew's journey for some of you, you may now have some sports equipment or school hoodies that will be no longer of use, or be in need of same for next year - if so just a little reminder that there is a school Swap Shop in operation on the St. Matt's Facebook page! Many parents have successfully taken advantage of this already this year! If you're not on Facebook and have something you would like to offload, sell or acquire get in touch with your class rep who can facilitate you or contact Venetia (6th Class Rep).

St. Matthew's Colours Cup & Family Day Friday 9th June

Our Colours Cup & Family Day on Friday 9th June is fast approaching! We are very excited about this new format to the annual sports event; it promises to be a day of teaming and heroic feats of athleticism!

What is the Colours Cup? Well, this year all pupils will be on one of the school's colour teams, each of which will be seeking to collect points during the day to win the Colours Cup. The children will be told their Colour teams during the week of 29th May, so we ask that each child wears a t-shirt or top on the day in the colour of their team. This will help with generate more Colours Cup teaming, drive collaboration and a bit of healthy sporting competitiveness.

On the day of the event, all children should be brought to Irishtown Stadium from 8.30am with their lunch bag and water, instead of to the school. All children need to be seated with their class by 8.50am, when we begin on the very high note of having a presentation of the Rugby World Cup trophy. We hope you can stay with us to enjoy the day, have a cup of coffee and a nibble with us - do consider bringing your own picnic and get set for a great day! The kids can prepay for a goodie bag with a drink, popcorn and a treat on the week of the event; they will get this during break time.

After the Herculean efforts that we know the children will make, the Colours Cup will be awarded to much acclaim to the victorious team. We will then wrap up with the St. Matthew's summer raffle. The school's usual closing times will apply, however you may bring your child(ren) home after the event concludes. Please note that the weekly Athletics class will not take place on Friday 9th June. A timetable of activities will be circulated closer to the date!

Many, many thanks to the people who have already volunteered their time to make this a great success - we still need some more parental help, so please let a PTA rep know if you can lend a hand. As with every sports day, this event is weather dependent.

Lastly, it wouldn't be a St. Matthew's event if we weren't enjoying some of your fine baking! We'd love to be able to offer a fantastic spread at the café stall for parents, so all donations of fare will be most welcome on the day. Get your chef hats to the ready!

Great News!

Our school hall extension will be underway in the next couple of weeks! The construction should be completed in time for the new school year. Thank you for your support for and interest in the project to date. We will update you with further details in due course.

The Board of Management