

18th October 2018

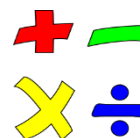


Big Assembly

5th Class will hold our "Big Assembly" tomorrow Friday 19th October at 9am in the School Hall. Parents welcome.

Maths Week

Maths Week Ireland is being held from the 13th - 21st 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!



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

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



Dress Up Parade

Our 'Dress Up Parade' will be on Friday 26th 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 29th October to Friday 2nd November inclusive.

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



Rededication of St. Matthew's Church

The beautifully refurbished St. Matthew's Church will be rededicated on **Sunday 28th 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.



24th - 31st October 2018

Celebrate Halloween and The Harvest Festival in Sandymount
Decorate and Register your Business or Home with a Scarecrow /
Halloween theme or carve a Pumpkin

Friday 26th October

Bring your Pumpkin to the Hall from 3pm

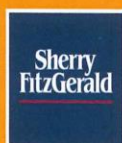
5-7pm Pumpkin Awards Festival - Pumpkin winners announced
Scarecrow / Halloween Business and Residential
Awards ceremony - Christchurch Hall

Entry fee: Business €10 Residential / Pumpkin: €5

Register at Sherry Fitz or AIB offices in Sandymount
or at sandymounttt@gmail.com

Entry forms available around village and in
Local Village Sherry Fitz and AIB offices.

All business and residential entries must register by Tuesday 23rd
and be displayed by Wednesday 24th October: Entry Form overleaf



STCA HALLOWEEN / HARVEST FESTIVAL ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Ph No: _____

Category:

Business ___ Fee: €10

Residential ___ Fee: €5

Theme:

Halloween ___ Scarecrow ___

All entrants must have full display ready by
Wednesday 24th October for judging

Pumpkin ___ Fee €5

Please bring your pumpkin to the Festival in Christchurch on
Friday 26th October from 3pm

Please register at Sherry Fitz or AIB offices in Sandymount
or by contacting sandymounttt@gmail.com

Text Only: 089 4027127



Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association

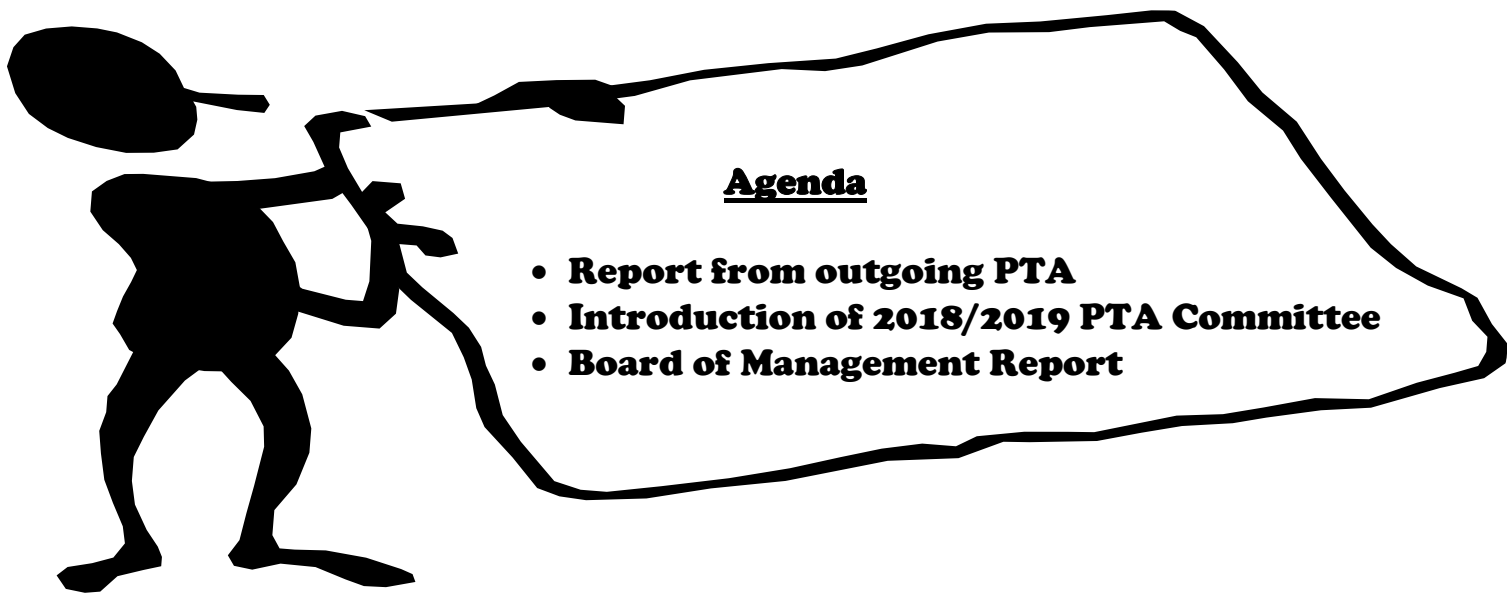
Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

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 15th October. We are asking that **completed shoeboxes be returned to school by 7th November** and they will be collected from school by Team Hope.



Annual Parent Evening **Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm**



Agenda

- **Report from outgoing PTA**
- **Introduction of 2018/2019 PTA Committee**
- **Board of Management Report**

**All parents are welcome to find out more about St. Matthew's.
Children's classrooms will be open for parents to visit.**

Tea & Coffee will be served from 7.15pm

Monday, 19th 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).