



19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## GOAL Jersey Day

Many thanks for your generosity on Jersey Day! The pupils raised €391 For GOAL.  
Well done everyone!



## 2018 Calendar

The PTA are currently creating the 2018 Calendar. The children will be photographed in their birthday month once again. This year there will be no dressing up theme. Once again, a huge thank you to Shane McCarthy who will be taking the photographs on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored the calendar. If you/your company wish to get involved, please speak to your class PTA Rep.

Many thanks

## Upcoming Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Garda Derek Dempsey** will be doing a safety talk with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Story Teller, Róisín Murphy** will be telling the classes age appropriate Irish Myths & Legends as well as stories from around the world.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**2018 Calendar Photos with Shane.**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Dress Up Parade @ 9am.** Parents are welcome to attend.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October –  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November inclusive**

School Closed for **Mid-Term Break**

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### 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 have been distributed to families this week. **We are asking that shoeboxes be returned to school by 6<sup>th</sup> November** and they will be collected from school by Team Hope.

## St. Matthew's Christmas Cards 2017



Dear Parents,

With Christmas deadlines fast approaching the time has come to design our Christmas Cards.

Today in school, your child chose their Christmas Card template. Your son/daughter can either:

- Colour in the template he/she has chosen, or
- Draw and colour in their own design in the blank space provided

All images will be scanned and each child will have their own individual Christmas Card ready for production.

To ensure a seamless scanning process and more visible images we would urge younger children to use Twistable crayons and older children to use felt tip pens to give a bolder colour in the final image (see comparison below). Please do not use glitter, collage, chalk, paint etc. as these materials will not feed through the scanner.



YES ✓



NO X

Thank you for your co-operation, we look forward to seeing the end results by:

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

*St. Matthew's Parent Teacher Association*



## A few notes about road and school lane safety

- As we approach the winter, please be mindful that pedestrians are not as visible to drivers in the dim winter light. If you are walking or cycling with your children to or from school it is advisable to use high-vis accessories to improve visibility.
- There is pressure on parking at school drop-off and pick-up times. Please be mindful that Cranfield Place and Oswald Road are both residential streets and that the residents need vehicular access to and from their houses at peak times too. Please do not park in front of driveways, or park in a manner that impedes access, blocks traffic or blocks pedestrian access (requiring young children or parents with buggies to walk out onto roads).
- If your children are of an age where they can be trusted to make their own way to school from your car in the mornings, via the school warden if necessary, then, unless you have a specific reason to visit the school, please consider allowing them that little bit of independence. This will in turn hopefully take pressure off parking in the area.
- Please DO NOT park on the yellow box (Tritonville Road) or 'zig zag' yellow lines (Cranfield Place). These areas are for the specific use of the School Wardens and the safety of our children relies on the ability of our School Wardens to carry out their duties safely - it is not an exaggeration to say that careless parking endangers children's lives.
- Cycling/scooting is not allowed on the school lane, it can cause needless accidents.
- If you are bringing a dog to the school in the mornings/afternoons please ensure that they are tied up securely at the lane entrance, that any extension leads are locked tight and please be mindful that not all children, or adults, are comfortable around dogs. If your child can make their own way into school from the school gate it might be a good opportunity to afford them some independence so the dog doesn't need to be left alone.
- Children should not be left unsupervised at the school gate before 8.30am.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



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**OCTOBER MID TEAM**  
31<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017  
\* Please note Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is a Bank Holiday

Fully supervised fun activities

• **Sports** • **Games** • **Arts & Crafts**

**Camps cater for ages 4 – 12 years**  
**Indoor and outdoor sporting activities and games**  
**Halloween based Arts & Crafts**  
**Nutritious meals provided**

**Fun activities include** *Wrap the mummy, Halloween mask creations, Halloween decorations, Burst the Pumpkin game, Bobbing for apples and Halloween stories to name a few...*

*4 Day Camp €195*

**\*\*\*ONLY FULL DAYS AVAILABLE\*\*\***

To Enquire  
Email Kate on [kate@kidsinc.ie](mailto:kate@kidsinc.ie)

**Closing Date Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Limited Availability



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

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**Camp runs 8.30am – 6.30pm daily at St. Matthew's NS**  
**(Parents can drop off and collect children at any time but the price remains the same)**