



26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**4<sup>th</sup> Class will be hosting our “Big Assembly” tomorrow Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the School Hall. All welcome!**

**Additional School Closure**

St. Matthew’s will be **closed on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** for Department of Education and Skills training in the Language Curriculum.  
*The Pre-School will remain open.*

**If you are popping into the school during the school day (8.50am – 2.10pm), it is vital that you check in with Lynn in the School Office. Please do not walk down to your child’s classroom.**

**PUNCTUALITY STATEMENT**

Lessons begin and the school bell sounds at 8.50am. If a child arrives into their classroom after this time, they are late for school.

If your child is late, please allow them to make their way into the classroom by themselves; as parents in the classroom after 8.50am interferes greatly with the lesson taking place.

Children who are repeatedly late for school are missing out on individual time with their class teacher, social time with their peers and in some cases considerable time is missed from lessons.

Lateness is monitored and communicated with parents.

Children who arrive into school after the Roll Call at 9.10am are marked absent.

**Cyber Safety**

Garda Dempsey will be speaking to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class about online safety in the coming weeks.

Cyber Safe Ireland who conducted an online safety workshop with 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class in September will be conducting a parent talk - ‘keeping your children safe online’ on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. All parents are welcome, we encourage parents with children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class to attend.

**Why not visit our school website [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie) and check out our blog section to keep up to date with all the activities that have been happening in our classrooms!**

**Best of luck to our Credit Union School Quiz teams participating in the annual Credit Union School Quiz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January!**

**St. Matthew’s Sports Kit**

If parents wish to purchase their son/daughter his/her own St. Matthew’s Sports Kit (hockey socks, t-shirt with school crest) or hoodie, they can do so from Monday with an order form available at the School Office or on [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie).