



28th February 2017

Additional School Closure

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

Easter Holidays

St. Matthew's will be **closed from Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

(Usual home time arrangements will apply on Friday 7th April).

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 with an order form available at the School Office or online at www.stmatts.ie.

Cyber Safety

Cyber Safe Ireland (who conducted an online safety workshop with 4th, 5th & 6th Class in September) will be conducting a **Parent Talk 'keeping your children safe online' on Thursday 30th March at 9am in the School Hall.** All parents are welcome.

If your child is in a senior class, we would strongly encourage you to attend.

Teaching Practice

This year, we will have a number of Student Teachers, from The Church of Ireland College of Education completing a Teaching Practice in the School. The children will remain under the care and supervision of their class teacher at all times. The dates are as follows:

15th March – 5th April

Niamh Jeffery: Senior Infants

Melissa Heaslip: Fourth Class

Emily McMullen: Sixth Class

PTA Dates for your Diary

The PTA have a busy run-up to Easter this year. **Our Quiz Night takes place this Thursday, 2nd March at 8pm in The Gasworks on Lr Grand Canal St,** all are welcome. In addition to the quiz we have a great list of Raffle prizes thanks to the generosity of families and friends of the school and during the quiz we will have an Auction for a signed Ireland Rugby Jersey and 2 tickets to Coldplay + dinner & B+B in a top Dublin Hotel, if you are interested in placing a bid on either of these please contact your class PTA rep.

Next week, 6th - 10th March the wonderful photographer Shane McCarthy will be in the school taking **Portraits, Sibling Portraits and Class Photos** - more information to follow.

On **Friday 10th March we will have our Pancake Party**, 10 days late.....just enough time to have digested the many Shrove Tuesday pancakes! **A voluntary donation of €2 is requested from each child** with all proceeds going to a selected charity.

As construction on the school hall extension is due to commence during the Easter Holidays, it seems that this year's **Easter Hop Disco** will be a great chance to bid farewell to our old hall, this **will take place on Friday 7th April** during school hours. The children love this chance to cut loose, but we'll try to make sure that the demolition work is left to the building contractors!

Sports Day may seem like a long way away but we are looking for parent volunteers to help out on the day, **Friday 9th June**, to make the sports day more of a family occasion. We hope to include elements of the Summer Fair to keep everyone entertained. If you would be interested in volunteering, please talk to your PTA rep.

As always, none of these activities would be possible without the participation of an enthusiastic PTA and the support of the school and the families therein. Thanks for your continuing participation.

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