



28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **Extra Curricular Activities Term 1 2017/2018**

**Extra Curricular Activities have now started. If your child is taking part in activities, please ensure you have registered and paid.**

Registration and payment can be made on our website [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie) or return Registration Form with payment to the School Office.  
(Cheques made payable to St. Matthew's National School).

### **Confirmation**

If you would like to consider having your child prepared for Confirmation in the Church of Ireland tradition, please let me know as soon as possible. I will then call a short meeting of parents and candidates in the school or the church some evening to discuss the details.

If you would like to discuss Confirmation with me, please email or call me. We should start preparation soon. I'm looking to sixth class and first year students, but I will take anyone, of any age up to about 80!

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### **GOAL Jersey Day**



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October we are hosting a fundraising event for GOAL (in aid of refugees). Children are invited to dress in a jersey of their choice. Children are asked to bring a small donation of €2 towards the charity and their current work.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation and generosity.

### **Dress Up Parade**

Our 'Dress Up Parade' will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Children are invited to dress up in the themes listed below. Parents are welcome to attend. The themes are as follows:

#### **Disney Theme (*Disney own Lucasfilm Ltd, Pixar Animation and Marvel Entertainment*):**

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be 80 years old in 2017! On 21st December 1937 Snow White was the first feature-length animated film; it was a game-changer for Disney, and for Hollywood.

Or

#### **Harry Potter Theme:**

Harry Potter made his first appearance in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1997, making it 20 years old this year!

### **Mid-Term Break Closure**

**Reminder: The school will be closed for the October Mid-Term Break from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November inclusive.** (Usual home-times apply. Afterschool Club and Athletics take place as usual on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October). **The school will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am.**

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## **St. Matthew's Church - Thanksgiving for Harvest**

**Sunday, 1st October at 11.30am**

Traditionally, families and children often brought gifts of fruit and vegetables from their gardens or farms, to be distributed to people who don't have enough to eat. SVDP have gratefully accepted our donations in former years. If anyone knows where such food gifts would be accepted, please let me know, as many people may bring donations to church on Sunday.

**St. Matthew's Church are celebrating Harvest Festival this Sunday, 1st October at 11.30am.** This is traditionally a Children's Gift Service where children are invited to bring along a gift to celebrate the harvest. This year we are asking children who wish to bring a gift to donate a picture, painting or drawing of their own creation in A4 size with a harvest/autumn theme (please include your name and school class on it). All artwork brought along will be displayed in the Parish Room in St. Matthew's.

Alternatively, children are asked if they would like to donate a pot of herbs or a plant of any kind to be planted in our newly dug beds in the church grounds. Our third herb bed is nearing completion and all herb beds are available for the parishioners, parents, pupils and the community to come and utilise. All herbs planted so far have been sourced locally with thanks to Enable Ireland Sandymount Avenue, Murtagh's Hardware and Tesco, Sandymount.

All are most welcome.

**IRISHTOWN PARISH**  
**ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

*Harvest Festival*  
**Sunday 1st October 2017**

**Children's Gift Service at 11.30am**  
with coffee served afterwards

**Thanksgiving Evensong at 4.30pm**  
followed by Harvest Festival Supper

*All Welcome*