



5th March 2015



**Have you checked out our website www.stmatts.ie?!
It is full of school information, pupil news & photos!**

School Calendar 2015



Friday 13 th March	School Closes for St. Patrick's Day Break (usual home times apply)
Wednesday 18 th March	School Re-opens after St. Patrick's Day Break
Thursday 26 th March	Annual Table Quiz
Friday 27 th March	Topsy Turvy Bop Hop Event
Friday 27 th March	School Closes for Easter Holidays (usual home times apply)
Monday 13 th April	School Re-opens after Easter Holidays
Friday 24 th April	International Day
Friday 1 st May	1 st Class host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Monday 4 th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May (inclusive)	6 th Class Gaeltacht Trip
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd May (all week)	Active Week
Friday 22 nd May	Senior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Friday 29 th May	Annual Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 1 st June	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 19 th June	Junior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Thursday 25 th June	6 th Class Graduation Ceremony – 9am, School Hall
Friday 26 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm

Teaching Practice

This year, we will be welcoming a number of student teachers from The Church of Ireland College of Education for their Teaching Practice. Please note that the children will at all times remain under the supervision of the class teacher.

- Junior Infants – Jennifer Scannell (4th – 25th March)
- Senior Infants – Caroline Daly (4th – 25th March)
- 1st Class – Erica Porter (23rd February – 20th March)
- 2nd Class – Gena McKay (4th -25th March)
- 4th Class – Samantha Ansell (4th – 25th March)

A student teacher from America will also be joining the school for a number of weeks.

Credit Union School Quiz

Congratulations to our Under 11's Team - Lochlan Cran, Francis Manzocchi, Aoife Cosgrave and Hilary Brett! They have made it through to the All Ireland stage of the Credit Union School Quiz on Sunday 12th April in the RDS. Best of luck!

"Cents for Kids" Calendars

Going home with every family today is a "Cents for Kids" calendar. "Cents for Kids" is an initiative launched by Davy in an effort to support local families. "Cents for Kids" is focused on building financial literacy in children and supporting parents with the tools and resources they need to begin a healthy dialogue with their children about money. We would like to thank Marah Curtin (Finnegan's Mum from 5th Class) for generously donating these calendars to the school.

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St. Matthew's T-Shirts for sale!!!!

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Over the last few months 5th Class have been carrying out a Junior Entrepreneur Programme and have been learning all about setting up a business! We have been designing **St. Matthew's t-shirts** which will go on sale on Monday morning. The t-shirts come in two colours (heather grey and kelly green), they can be long sleeved or short sleeved and have round necks. The prices are as follows:

Short sleeved: €10.00
Long sleeved: €12.00
Two short sleeved (any colour): €18.00
Two long sleeved (any colour): €22.00
One long sleeved and one short sleeved (any colour): €20.00
Initials on sleeve: €3.00

There will also be adult versions of the t-shirts too which are €2.00 more than the prices above.

There will be sample t-shirts to try on if you would like on Monday morning in the school lobby.
We will be taking all orders WITH payment next week Monday 9th –Thursday 12th March.

We hope you love the t-shirts and are satisfied with our product!

Many thanks, **5th Class (Marketing Team)**

Topsy Turvy Bop Hop

On Friday 27th March we are hosting a fundraising event for Childline. Children are invited to dress in a 'topsy turvy' way and attend a disco being held during school i.e. odd socks, odd shoes, inside out jumper, funny accessories etc. Children are asked to bring a small donation of €2 towards the charity.
Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parents Association News

Table Quiz

The PA are hosting a table quiz in Slattery's Bar on Thursday the 26th of March to raise money for the school and we'd love a full house - please feel free to invite aunties & uncles, grannies & grandad's (or any professional table quiz people you might have in your pocket) and bring yourselves of course!

We are selling tables of four at €40.00 per table, if you don't have a full table we will make up groups on the night, so €10.00 per head in that case. We've a fun evening planned with some great prizes AND a **signed Irish rugby jersey** up for auction on the night!

If you are a social media lover please follow @BeggarsBushD4 on Twitter or like www.facebook.com/beggarsbushd4 as they are promoting the table quiz on our behalf and it would be great if people could follow and interact with them.

Venue: **Slattery's Bar**, 26 Grand Canal Street Upper, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Time: The quiz will begin at **8.00pm**, but we need to get groups and tables organized so please arrive beforehand.

School Photographs The first batch of photographs look amazing and a huge thank you to Shane McCarthy for taking them. Keep an eye on the school bags as we will be sending out order forms soon!

Ronald McDonald House We would like to wish best of luck to Olga Keogh & the team heading over to Crumlin Hospital next Wednesday 11th March to cook lunch for the parents in the Ronald McDonald House.

Recycling Drive We are planning a big recycling drive next term which will include clothing and scrap metal therefore if you are doing a clear-out and could hold onto the unwanted items, we will call for donations next term to raise funds for the school!