



1st June 2016

 <p>Ice-Cream Party Thursday 2nd June Please bring in €2 in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional School Closure</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition to the school being closed on Monday 6th June for the June Bank Holiday, the school will also be closed on Friday 3rd June for an In-Service Day (teacher training for the new Primary Language Curriculum).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>There will be no Extra-Curricular Activities on Friday 3rd June</u></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">**<u>The Pre-School will remain open on Friday 3rd June</u>**</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The school will re-open for everyone on Tuesday 7th June at 8.30am.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">**Senior Infants** will host our "Big Assembly" on Thursday 9th June at 9am in the School Hall. Parents welcome!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">**Junior Infants** will host our "Big Assembly" on Friday 17th June at 9am in the School Hall. Parents welcome!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lost Property</u> is on display at the front of the school. Unclaimed items will be sent to the recycling centre next week. Please label your child's belongings!</p>	

End of year school reports will be issued the week of 13th June. All reports will include standardised test results. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 2 nd June	Ice Cream Party
Friday 3 rd June	School Closed for In-Service Day (<i>Pre-School will remain open</i>)
Monday 6 th June	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th June	1 st & 2 nd Class School Tour
Thursday 9 th June	Senior Infants Host "Big Assembly"
Tuesday 14 th June	3 rd & 4 th Class School Tour
Friday 17 th June	Junior Infants Host "Big Assembly"
Friday 17 th June	International Day
Saturday 18 th June	Summer Fair
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th June (all week)	Active Week
Thursday 23 rd June	Pre-School, Junior & Senior Infants School Tour
Friday 24 th June	Annual Sports Day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 29 th June	6 th Class Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 30 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm
Tuesday 30 th August	School Re-opens after the Summer Holidays

School Tours

Class	Date	Tour	Total Cost
Pre-School Junior Infants Senior Infants	Thursday 23 rd June	Airfield Farm <i>Depart school 9.00am Return to school 1.10pm approx Bring Packed Lunch (more info to follow)</i>	€17.00 Per Pupil
1 st & 2 nd Class	Wednesday 8 th June	Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park <i>Depart school 8.30am sharp Return to school 2.10pm approx Bring Packed Lunch (more info to follow)</i>	€23.50 Per Pupil
3 rd & 4 th Class	Tuesday 14 th June	Funtasia <i>Depart school 8.30am sharp Return to school 2.45pm approx Lunch Included, Bring Snack, Swimwear, Towel (more info to follow)</i>	€28.50 Per Pupil

Payment for School Tours can be made online at www.stmatts.ie or at the School Office.
(Please send exact cash or cheque made payable to St. Matthew's National School).
If you are available to help with any of the school tours, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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As the sun is finally shining, please ensure that children have sun hats, plenty of water and are wearing suncream to school. If you wish your child to re-apply their own suncream during the school day, please put suncream in your child's school bag. All children must be wearing appropriate footwear to participate in PE and any sports activities i.e. no flip flops or sandals.

St. Matthew's Summer Fair 2016 **Saturday, 18th June from 1.30pm-4pm**

The Parents' Association is working hard at making this year's school Summer Fair a great event.

We've got exciting entertainment from Young Einsteins, a Carnival Room with Jolly Jars (back again! by popular demand) as well as mouth-wateringly tempting cakes and goodies in the Fair Café. Why not enter the 'Great St. Matt's Bake Off' this year? We will have prizes for the baking of children and adults.

You want to see Ireland vs Belgium in the Euros? We've thought of that too! We're arranging a dedicated room where the football game will be projected in its entirety for your enjoyment.

There will also be games and stalls for toys and books amongst other things. You'll be able to relax and spend a marvellous afternoon in the company of your friends whilst enjoying the barbeque, a cool beer or glass of wine (sorry, adults only!).

The children are starting to work on their 'Midsummer Night's Dream' project work to mark 400 years since Shakespeare shuffled his mortal coil. Kathleen McMahon will announce the winners.

How can you help?

From Monday, 13th June we will gratefully accept the below items that can be sold at the Fair:

- * Books and DVDs
- * Toys and games
- * Bric-a-brac

As always, please ensure all items are complete & fit for purpose. Thanks!

Your fantastic baking for the Fair Café - Saturday, 18th June

We are always delighted to accept the delicious 'bakeables' you so kindly donate to make the cake stall such a wonderful sight. We would love to receive this on the morning of the Fair.

Summer Raffle

The raffle always garners lots of attention – we are sourcing lots of fantastic items to give you as prizes. If you can also offer us a prize, we will be most grateful! Please contact your friendly P.A. rep. *We have been so fortunate to receive an Ireland Rugby team jersey that has been signed by the players!*

Would you like to help at the Fair?

If you can spare an hour to oversee an attraction or stall, then welcome on board! Please talk to your P.A. class rep or add your name to the list on the school notice-board at the bike racks.

Admission to the Fair

Please note that, as in previous years, there will be an admission charge at the door of €1 per person. Wristbands will be available to buy from Monday 13th – Friday 17th June.

***** The PA Committee thanks you for your marvellous support *****