



9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you for your generosity in donating so many shoeboxes to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Shoeboxes will be collected tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November!

### **Morning Drop Off Policy**

*Parents, thank you for your continued co-operation regarding our new morning drop off policy.*

*Pre-School, Junior and Senior Infant parents may continue to drop their child(ren) to their classroom door by entering through the front door beside the School Office.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils can be dropped to the yard/back door where they will be greeted by Ms. Rousseau and head down to their classrooms. Any messages that need to be given to your child's teacher can be passed to Ms. Rousseau at the door or emailed to the School Office at [secretary@stmatts.ie](mailto:secretary@stmatts.ie)*

*Please do not enter the Senior Area by going through the closed grey doors in the lobby.*

*On a Friday morning, parents are very welcome to pop into their child(ren)'s classroom.*

### **Voluntary Donations**

The Board of Management will be issuing the Voluntary Donation letters in February this school year, rather than in November. Should you wish to make a Voluntary Donation before this, you can do so online at [www.stmatts.ie](http://www.stmatts.ie) or by requesting the letter and forms from the School Office at [secretary@stmatts.ie](mailto:secretary@stmatts.ie)

### **Dates for Your Diary**

<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Shoeboxes will be collected by Team Hope
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Annual Parent Evening, Scholl Hall Opening & Pupil Art Exhibition
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Parent Teacher Meetings (you will be emailed with a link to our new online booking system shortly)
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pre-School – Snr Infants Christmas Trip to The Ark (more info shortly)
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class Christmas Trip to the Pavilion Theatre (more info shortly)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Christmas Trip to The Ark (more info shortly)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Senior Carol Service 7pm @ St. Matthew's Church
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Junior Carol Service 9am @ St. Matthew's Church
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	School closes at 12pm for all pupils for Christmas Holidays
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens at 8.30am

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## **Official School Hall Opening & Pupil Art Exhibition**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

To mark the opening of our newly extended and refurbished school hall, we will be hosting an Art Exhibition in the school hall. The children have worked to create beautiful works of art which have been framed and will be displayed in the school hall. These framed pictures will be for your enjoyment and pleasure. There will be an option to purchase your son/daughter's framed artwork from "*Images Art Exhibition*"; however, there is absolutely no pressure to do so.

The cost of the framed artwork will be:

First Child:	€8
Second Child:	€8
Third Child:	€6
Fourth Child:	Free

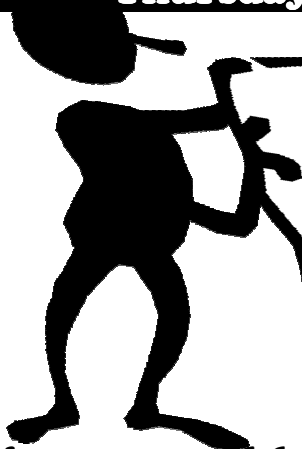
The Art Exhibition will be open for parents and adult family members to visit during the following times:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1.10pm-2.30pm and 6.30pm-8pm

Next week, you will be given a catalogue number so that you can find your son/daughter's art work with ease.

We look forward to welcoming you into our new school hall and showing off our wonderful pieces of art!

## **Annual Parent Evening Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**



### **Agenda**

- **Report from outgoing PTA**
- **Introduction of 2017/2018 PTA Committee**
- **Board of Management Reports**

**Please join us as we celebrate our newly extended and refurbished school hall, to view the children's Art Exhibition and to find out more about St. Matthew's National School.**

- **All welcome**
- **Wine Reception & Art Exhibition from 6.30pm-8pm**