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

School Tours

| Class | Date | Tour | Total Cost |
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| Pre-School Junior Infants Senior Infants | Monday 8 th June | Imaginosity, Sandyford <i>Depart school 8.45am</i> <i>Return to school 12.30pm approx</i> <i>Bring Packed Lunch</i> | €16.50 Per Pupil |
| 1 st & 2 nd Class | Monday 8 th June | Pine Forest Art Centre, Glencullen <i>Depart school 9.00am</i> <i>Return to school 2.00pm approx</i> <i>Bring Packed Lunch</i> | €21.50 Per Pupil |
| 3 rd & 4 th Class | Wednesday 17 th June | W5, Belfast <i>Depart school 8.20am</i> <i>Return to school 4.00pm approx</i> <i>Bring Packed Lunch</i> | €24.00 Per Pupil |
| 5 th Class | Thursday 18 th June | Avon Rí Adventure Centre, Blessington <i>Depart school 9.00am</i> <i>Return to school 5.00pm approx</i> <i>Bring Packed Lunch, Change of Clothes, Towel, Shoes, Rain Gear</i> <i>(more info to follow)</i> | €40.00 Per Pupil |
| 6 th Class | Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May inclusive | Gaeltacht Week, Donegal | Paid |

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.

International Day

International Day will take place tomorrow Friday 24th April.

Each class will be learning about a country in the lead up to this day.



We are hosting a short assembly and parade at 9.00am, which parents are welcome to attend. **Children are encouraged to dress up in clothes relating to their country and bring along a small donation of €2 for GOAL.** Children will be engaging in various other activities throughout the day and we will also be welcoming Louise from GOAL to talk to the children.

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Punctuality and Independence

We are currently putting a large emphasis on punctuality. Punctuality is important and the school teaching day begins at 8.50am. Children should be in their classrooms, seated, settled and ready to begin their lessons before 8.50am. Children who are late interrupt the classroom and miss out on invaluable time with their peers and individual time with their teacher.

A bell will sound at 8.47am to indicate school is about to begin. Classroom doors will close at this time. Children who arrive to school late (8.50am onwards) should be dropped off at the main entrance and should make their way to their classroom by themselves. Parents should not be in classrooms or at classroom doors beyond 8.45am. If your child arrives to school after 9am, they must be signed into school by a parent/guardian at the School Office.

As we are now in the final term of school, it is hoped that all children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class would be more independent. It is expected that children should carry their own school bag and hang up their own coat independently. Children are more than capable of making their own way independently from the front door to their classroom. Please be aware that a parent in the classroom with their child or at the classroom door in the morning interferes with their child's peer interactions and hinders the teacher's ability to spend vital individual time with children. We continue to welcome parents to come into their child's classroom on a Friday from 8.30-8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in this matter.

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