

17th September 2015



Tonight!



eSafety Parent Evening

tonight Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm, St. Matthews National School.

All parents welcome. Refreshments will be served.

To register your attendance at the event, please click here

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/esafety-parents-internet-safety-seminar-tickets-18562928218>

or email the School Office.



eSafety Homework for Second – Sixth Class



Second – Sixth Class Thursday homework will be set on the theme of eSafety. We are encouraging parents to do this homework piece together with their children over the weekend, rather than this evening.

Worksheet Activity: children together with parents are invited to discuss their perfect online world.

For example:

- types of sites & services that I would like; for example, games, information, learning, communication etc.
- discuss how people should be expected to behave in this online world
- record ideas for sites & services that haven't been invented
- discuss/sign an online code of conduct for my house with rules

Homework sheets should be returned to the class teacher on Monday to enable a class discussion. Worksheets will then be returned home.

An internet safety advice sheet and a guide to online gaming will be distributed to parents on Friday.



Harvest Festival in St Matthew's Church Sunday 20th September

We in St Matthew's Church are celebrating and giving thanks for the Harvest on Sunday 20th September

The morning service, at 11.30am, is especially suitable for families with children. All children are invited, if they wish, to bring gifts of fruit, vegetables and/or groceries, especially if they are from their own garden! Harvest gifts will be donated to charity.

We will also have a Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper at 7pm, to which you are all warmly invited.

GOAL Jersey Day

On **Friday 9th October** we are hosting a fundraising event for GOAL (in aid of Syrian 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 in Syria and with refugees.



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

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 probably should start preparation during Autumn. I'm looking mainly to sixth class students, but I will take anyone, of any age up to about 80!



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