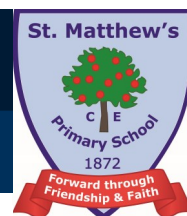


Friday News

No. 13 - 8th December 2023



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2023

- 11th, 12th & 13th** PTA running Secret Santa stalls. Timings sent out by Parent Mail on 5th Dec
- Tuesday 12th** Year 6 trip to WW2 Bunker, Uxbridge Lower School (Years 1- 3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church for parents at 10am & 2.40pm. Doors
- Wednesday 13th** Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents at 2.40pm. Doors open at
- Friday 15th** Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church for parents at 10am. Doors open at 9.40am 2.50pm 2LD class worship for parents
- Tuesday 19th** Nursery Christmas Shows in school at 10.40am & 2.40pm Reception shows in school. Parents have
- Wednesday 20th** Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) Christmas lunch for Reception - Year 6
- Thursday 21st** 2pm End of term There will be no Aktiva session after school today
- Monday 8th January 2024** Spring term starts
- Thursday 18th January 2024** Parents' Evening - details to follow

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

Dear God, when I feel alone, help me to remember that You will never leave me.

Help me to be there for others when they face difficulties.

Thank You for giving me strength, courage and Your love.

Amen



BOOK FROM 4TH DEC

For eligible children in years 1 - 7

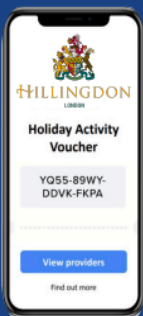
VENUE: St Martins Primary School

DATES: Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th January 2024

TIME: 9am - 3pm

HOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE:

- Eligible families will receive an email from Hillingdon Council on 4th December 23 containing your unique HAF code.
- Visit our website: www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/haf To view and book a HAF camp.
- Filter activities by Postcode or Keyword search, or browse a list of camps in your area.
- Only bookings with a valid HAF code will be processed.
- If you haven't received your code contact Hillingdon Council: 01895 277 881.
- Remember to indicate any dietary requirements or allergies as children will receive a free lunch.



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Top tips for managing your child's asthma in Winter



Breathing in cold, dry air can irritate the small airways of the lungs. If your child's asthma is well controlled they are less likely to be triggered by cold winter air.



It is important for your child to use their preventer inhaler every day as prescribed, even if they appear well and always use their spacer.

Make sure you give the school a copy of their asthma plan, a named spare reliever inhaler and spacer for your child to use.



Give your child a scarf to wear scarf loosely over their nose and mouth. It warms up the air they're breathing in, so they're less likely to get asthma symptoms.

Make sure you book an appointment with your GP for your child's asthma review



And don't forget to carry their reliever inhaler with you all the time, so you can act quickly if cold weather triggers their asthma."



Wellbeing for life

CHRISTMAS DATES

Tuesday 12th December 2023

10am & 2.40pm Lower School (Years 1–3) Christmas performances in St Matthew's Church.

Doors open at 9.40 & 2.20pm.

Wednesday 13th December 2023

2.40pm Upper school (Years 4-6)

Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church. Doors open at 2.20pm.

Friday 15th December 2023

10am Upper school (Years 4-6) Christmas performance in St Matthew's Church. Doors open at 9.40am.

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Nursery & Reception Christmas Shows in School.

Reception parents have received a Parent Mail message with details of their child's performance times.

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas lunch for all pupils Reception - Year 6

Orders via your child's Pantry account

Thursday 21st December 2023

School ends at 2pm



The PTA (parents' group) will be running 'Secret Santa' stalls in school on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December.

This is where pupils can bring in money to buy Christmas gifts for families, friends & themselves! Each gift only costs £1 and will be wrapped & labelled for your child to take home.

If you would like your child to take part in this, please send them into school with the necessary cash in a named envelope/purse.

For younger children you may want to put a note in the purse with details of who they are buying for to avoid confusion on the day. The classes will be visiting on the following days:

Monday 11th - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Tuesday 12th: 3BF, Year 4, Year 5

Wednesday 13th: 3MG & Year 6.

If your child misses their slot for any reason, we will try our best to fit them in at another time but unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed.

SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS CIC PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME 2023

FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN. PAYING CHILDREN ALSO WELCOME

10am - 2pm

Come and Join us for a programme of Festive Activities

- Christmas Plays and Drama Activities
- Christmas Arts and Crafts and Clay Modelling Activities
- Christmas Sing-alongs and Dance
- Nutrition Education Activities
- Parent Workshops and Families Support

Lunch provided for children

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafillingdon>

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HILLINGDON COUNCIL

2nd January 2024 - 5th January 2024

St Martin's Primary School, Rowan Road, UB7 7UF

4-8 Years Old

FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPLORERS FC

For children in Reception and Year 1

- SIPSON RECREATION GROUND, SIPSON WAY, WEST DRAYTON UB7 ODW
- SATURDAY MORNINGS
- UNDER 5'S (RECEPTION) 9AM - 10AM
- UNDER 6'S (YEAR 1) 10AM - 11AM
- £6 PER SESSION

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Thank you to all our parents for supporting the school by ensuring their child is in class and ready to learn at 8.50am each day as children can find it unsettling when they are late. If you have problems with attendance, please speak to Mrs Papadakis or Mrs Winter. A reminder to all parents that the school does not authorise holiday during school time. We ask that parents call the school office before 8.45am if your child will be absent for any reason.

Whole school attendance from the start of term is 94.8% and for the week beginning 27th November 2023 was 91.2%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Each week the children have the opportunity to earn Positive Behaviour Points for showing kind hands, kind words and kind actions. This week's class of the week was 5JM with 1049 positive behaviour points.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	MERIT
NURSERY	83.1	N/A
RJB	86.9	Frankie-Lou
REF	82.6	Ishi
1SF	88.9	Murari
1LZ	94.5	Trisiah
2LD	95.7	Abrish
2EM	93.3	Arissa
3MG	85.9	Lockie
3BF	91.9	Andrei
4RM	97.1	N/A
4IT	96.3	N/A
5JM	93.3	Maxim
5SN	90.4	Jasmine
6MN	93	Wonu
6ES	94.4	Maksymilian

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Miss L Zerouali, Year 1 class teacher

What do you like most about St Matthew's? I really enjoy going to church every Wednesday and sing songs with everyone.

The one thing you do not know about me is that I can speak 5 languages.

My favourite book when I was a child was Candyfloss by Jaquel-

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

**Friendship, Trust, Compassion,
Forgiveness, Gratitude**

YEAR 4 TRIP

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited St Paul's Cathedral in London. Travelling from West Drayton station on the new Elizabeth line train followed by the Central Line, we soon arrived at our destination. As the children walked around the corner from St Paul's tube station, they were able to take in the sheer size of the cathedral and they couldn't wait to step inside to explore further.

Our visit consisted of a guided tour and after lunch a walk up to the Whispering Gallery. The children listened intently to our tour guide, who pointed out key features of the cathedral and they were keen to answer her questions to share their knowledge. Some children even had the opportunity to dress up in various clergy costumes!

After lunch, the children were amazing and walked up all 259 steps to the Whispering Gallery, where they were able to get a closer look at the dome and investigate if their whispers did travel around the gallery to their classmates!

The children returned to school a little tired but having had a lovely day visiting such an important London, Christian landmark.



BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT

From Monday 8th January 2024, Breakfast Club will be starting at 7.45am each day, which we hope will help our working parents. Please note that we can only accept children between 7.45am-8.20am.

Due to staffing costs, we are raising the daily charge for Breakfast Club attendance to £1/day for families who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals and £2/day for all other families. This daily charge will need to be paid via Parent Pay. Please see the school office if you want help with this.

Thank you to all the families who ensure their children's accounts are always in credit. However, from 8th January, staff will only be able to accept children into Breakfast Club who have sufficient funds in their Parent Pay account.

If you have any questions regarding Breakfast Club food, please contact The Pantry via email: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk or call 0208 813 7040.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to all our families who have been sending in donations to the class hampers, which we will be sending to Bell Farm Christian Centre for distribution to local families in need.

Each class are making their own and we would be grateful for donations of treats to fill them up! Ideas are small toys or books, food items (not fresh food), sweets & chocolates, festive socks, gloves etc We will be delivering the hampers to Bell Farm during the last few days of term.