



Friday News

No. 25 - 22nd March 2024



PALM SUNDAY



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Forward through Friendship and Faith



MARCH

- Monday 25th** No after-school clubs this week. Parents will receive a new letter club list after Easter
- Tuesday 26th** 'Francophile Day' in school - see inside for details
Hone Start charity meeting parents outside office from 8.35-9am
- Wednesday 27th** Choir event at Beck Theatre
- Thursday 28th** Spring term ends at 2pm

APRIL

- Tuesday 16th** Summer term starts
- Thursday 18th** 4RM non-uniform day for 'Perfect Attendance'
- Tuesday 23rd** Year 3 & 4 football event at Laurel Lane
- Thursday 25th** Phonics information sessions for parents at 9am & 2.30pm. See inside newsletter for booking information
- Monday 29th** Year 3 visiting British Museum
After-school clubs start this week

MAY

- Monday 6th** May Bank Holiday - school closed
- Tuesday 7th** Year 5 visiting Gunnersbury Park & House
- Friday 10th** Year 2 visiting Shree Adya Shakti Mataji Temple
- Monday 13th** KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
- Monday 20th** Year 5 classes swimming lessons over next 4 weeks - details to follow
Year 6 Bikeability course - details to follow
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st** Half term

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FUNWEEKS
EASTER ACTIVE CAMP

SCAN TO BOOK

ST MARTIN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
MONDAY 8TH - THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7

SPORTS ARTS & CRAFTS PRIZES
EASTER EGG HUNT

9AM - 3PM
£18

BOOK ALL 4 DAYS IN WEEK 1 OR ALL 4 DAYS IN WEEK 2 FOR A 10% DISCOUNT!

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SHARE OUR PRAYERS

Palm Sunday is a reminder of faith and hope. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey - a symbol of peace. The crowd that welcomed Jesus believed in him and saw him as their saviour. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we are encouraged to have faith in God and to trust his plans for our lives.

Lord Jesus,

We want to welcome you and shout out, 'Hosanna! Praise God!'

We want to help and serve you and share friendship and peace.

Amen

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THURSDAY 28th MARCH FOR THE EASTER BREAK



Election of Parent Governor. Join our Local Governing body

What is the role of a school governor?

School governors, who work together as a Governing Board, have a strategic responsibility for the progress of pupils in schools and to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education.

What makes a good school governor?

- You care about improving children's education.
- You want to contribute to your local community.
- You want to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by other people.
- You are willing to ask questions.
- You are open to ideas, willing to learn and share expertise.

Nominations open after the Easter break.

Phonics Information Session for Parents

This session will provide information to parents about how Phonics is run at St. Matthews, information about the Phonics Screening Check (Year 1) and information about how you can support your child at home. The session is aimed at Reception and Year 1 parents, but all parents are welcome to attend.

Thursday 25th April

Session 1: 9:00am

Session 2: 2:30pm

Please scan the QR code below to sign up for a session, or speak to the school office to let them know which session you would like to attend.



EASTER CAMP

JOIN US AS YOU GET TO LEARN, GROW AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN EVERY SINGLE DAY YOU SPEND WITH US AT CAMP!

OURCAMPS



- ✳ Arts & Crafts
- ✳ Sports Activities
- ✳ Creative Free Play
- ✳ Gym & Dance/Street Dance...AND MORE

CAMP DETAILS:

- 📅 3rd+4th and 10th+11th of April 2024
- 🕒 10am - 2pm | Ages 5-11 Years
- £ £20 per day OR Funded for those eligible
- 📍 Emmanuel Church Northwood, High St, London HA6 1AS
- ✉ schoolcampinfo@ourparks.org.uk
- ☎ 07306297789

BOOK NOW

WWW.OURCAMPS



KIDWISE

Eggcellent Easter STEM Camp

AGES 5-10 YEARS
DATES: 2/04/2024- 5/04/2024
FROM 10:00 TO 14:00

Combine the fun of Easter with the wonders of STEM
Engage in hands-on experiments, creative problem-solving, and exciting projects that make learning unforgettable.

Secure your spot today let's make this Easter eggstraordinary
Running at:
Yiewsley And West Drayton Community Centre
Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton UB7 9JL

FRANCOPHILE DAY - 26th MARCH

We will be celebrating 'Francophile Day' with all things French on Tuesday 26th March. There will be a special theme lunch menu (which can be booked via your child's Pantry account) as well as quizzes, arts & crafts and other fun activities.

Each class will be celebrating a French-speaking country and we would like the children to dress up in the colours of the country they are celebrating as follows;

- Nursery: France
- Reception: France
- 1LZ: Cameroon
- 1SF - Switzerland
- 2EM: Ivory Coast
- 2LD: Belgium
- 3BF: Canada
- 3MG: Monaco
- 4RM: Djibouti
- 4IT: Guadeloupe and Martinique Islands
- 5JM: Madagascar
- 5SN: Haiti
- 6MN: Lebanon
- 6ES: Seychelles

However, if your child is from a French-speaking country, we would encourage them to dress up in their country's colours.

Calling all St Matthew's artists

An exciting opportunity has arisen for children 4-19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts.



St Matthew's school has been registered for this exhibition. Parents/guardians can submit the artwork online. Please ensure you select our school when uploading your child's entry.

Find out more at roy.ac/youngartists
#RAYoungArtists

Open for submissions until March 27th

Please feel free to contact Ms Mackiewicz (2EM) with any queries you might have.

Made possible by Robin Hambro at RA of A



This is an invitation for our parents & carers to meet some of the team from Home-Start Hillingdon on **Tuesday 26th March between 8:35 and 9:00**. They will be located just outside the school office (or inside if raining). They are a local charity who recruit, train and support volunteers to help families, with at least one child under 5, who are finding things tough with issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances.

As a parent, you know how difficult and relentless parenting small children can be - even without other challenges. You can use your experience in this role to **change the lives** of struggling parents.

Although they do ask for a commitment of a year before they are able to provide a reference, many of our volunteers have used their experience volunteering with us to help them find work in a similar field.

Volunteers need to be parents and have at least half a day a week (during normal working hours) to commit to the role as well as attending our thorough, 40 hour Volunteer Training Course (8 sessions in school hours).

To find out more about what we do at www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk.



Photos from Year 5's visit to Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall and the Pantomime in school yesterday. Thanks to the PTA and Mrs Papadakis for arranging such a brilliant show!





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%. For the week beginning 11th March, weekly attendance was 92%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's class of the week was **5JM** with 381 positive behaviour points.

LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Each day, the Year 5 & Year 6 hall/lunchtime monitors take the names of children who uphold the school rules or demonstrate one of our school values. The names are entered into a hat and 5 children across Lower School and Upper School are selected at random and awarded with a non-uniform day for a day the following week.

Well done to this week's winners, who can wear their own clothes on Wednesday 27th March are;

Ibrahim, 1LZ; Anna, 1SF; Chigo, 5JM & Jacob, 6MN

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	Merit Award
NURSERY	85.9	N/A
RJB	87.7	Humaira
REF	84.8	N/A
1SF	94.5	Iremide
1LZ	90.0	Fabian
2LD	97.8	Sehraj
2EM	97.2	Kirthish
3MG	90.0	Shreya
3BF	92.1	Nyra
4RM	89.3	N/A
4IT	91.4	Jean
5JM	93.7	Aayan
5SN	97.3	Brianna
6MN	95.9	Wonu
6ES	91.7	Ethan

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL VALUES

Friendship, Trust, Compassion, Forgiveness, Gratitude

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Keeping Children Safe Online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence. They feel they cannot turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family. It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online. Parents/carers, please contact us if you have any concerns over your child's online safety.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

PTA NEWS

The PTA have done the first count from the 'Penny Challenge' and so far £367.70 has been raised. Out in front is 1LZ followed closely behind by 6ES and 2LD. There is still time to fill the bottles with your loose change or even banknotes. All money raised goes towards equipment and experiences that benefit our children. The penny challenge runs until the end of summer term and there is a trophy and party for the winning class.

EASTER COMPETITONS

Today was the deadline for the 'Design an Easter Egg' competition this year, so good luck to all those children who have brought in such creative designs. Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 can who have made an Easter bonnet can wear them into school on Wednesday 27th March to be judged by Revd Richard & Revd Urmila. Please remember to pay the £1 entrance fee to your child's class teacher.

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Mrs G Jones, Learning Support Assistant.

What do you like most about St Matthew's? Staff are friendly and helpful.

The one thing you do not know about me. I love music. I was a choir member during my university days in the Philippines. It was a Filipino folklore "Ibong Adarna" (The Singing Bird)

My favourite book as a child was