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





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

EASTER EGG HUNT

9AM – 3PM £18

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We would like to wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Easter break. School reopens on Tuesday 16th April.

APRIL

Tuesday 16th Summer term starts

Parent Governor election forms will be sent

home today

Thursday 18th 4RM non-uniform day for 'Perfect

Attendance'

Tuesday 23rd Year 3 & 4 football event at Laurel Lane

2.30pm Multiplication Tables Check work-Wednesday 24th

shop in school for Year 4 parents

Thursday 25th Phonics information sessions for parents at

9am & 2.30pm. See inside newsletter for

booking information

9am & 2.40pm Year 6 SATS meetings for Friday 26th

parents in KS2 hall

Year 3 visiting British Museum Monday 29th

After-school clubs start this week

MAY

May Bank Holiday - school closed Monday 6th

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

Year 5 classes swimming lessons over next Monday 20th

4 weeks - details to follow

Year 6 Bikeability course - details to follow

Monday 27th -Friday 31st

Half term



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP—FEBRUARY 2025

If your child is currently studying in Year 5 and you would like them to take part in the Year 6 Residential trip to PGL in February 2025, please can you return your permission slip and pay the non-refundable deposit via Parent Pay by 22nd April 2025. Thank you!

SHARE OUR PRAYERS

In our last Friday News before Easter, Revd Richard would like to share this message from the Bishop of London for all families across the Diocese.

She talks about the prodigal son, and how a sense of despair can be replaced unexpectedly with joy and love. Do share the film with those children and young people in your communi-

https://vimeo.com/924942256







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.

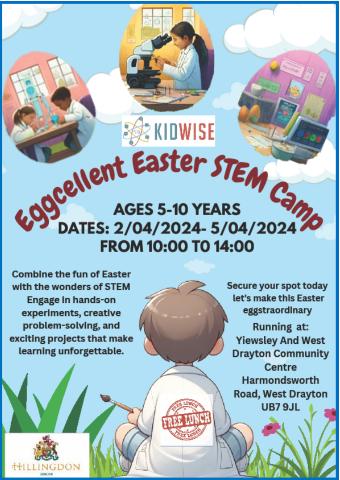
What makes a good school governor?

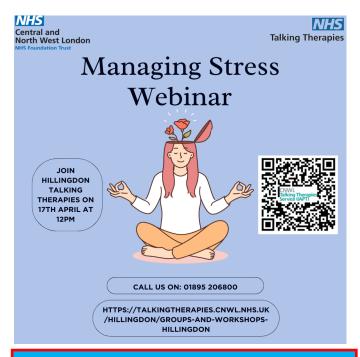
- You care about improving children's education.
 You want to contribute to your local community.
 You want to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by other
- You are willing to ask questions.
 You are open to ideas, willing to learn and share expertise.

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.







The whole school enjoyed celebrating France and other French speaking countries on Tuesday. Children dressed up in chosen colours and experienced artefacts and crafts relating to some of those countries. Thanks go to the wonderful parent volunteers who helped to make it a success on the day and to Miss Zerouali for all her hours of hard work in organising it.



FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Family First is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Family First is a quarterly magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Scotland & Wales. Working alongside major sporting governing bodies, Public Health England, leading food & drink brands, sportswear giants, and local authorities, Family First is helping to combat childhood obesity. Their aim is to get children & young adults active, playing more sport, exercising regularly, and eating healthily. Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title CLICK HERE

PTA EASTER EVENTS

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the PTA 'Design an Easter Egg' and Easter bonnet competitions. Revd Richard and Revd Urmila spent a long time choosing from over 100 designs for the Easter Egg competition and were so impressed with the time & effort the children had put into their designs as well as their amazing creativity.

The winners, who all have received an Easter chocolate gift are:

Design an Easter Egg

Nursery: Vienna, Dakota, Moshin; Reception: Alexandra, Humaira, Kingsley; Year 1: Dawid, Murari, Ursha; Year 2: Sair, Enzo, Dhanushri, Inayat; Year 3: Lilly, Frank, Ire, Alice Year 4: Ellie, Billy, Anvita; Year 5: Kari, Ansh, Seyra; Year 6: Marika, Ethan, Chatresh

Revd Richard and Karen Hall, Governor, then had the unenviable task of choosing the best bonnets!

Easter Bonnet Winners

Nursery: Autumn Rose, Marley-Rose, Daania; Reception: Molly, Riyansh, Daniel, Kingsley, Frankie-Lou, Enoch; Year 1: Glory, Dawid, Kaja, Filip, Krish, Sofia, Maria, Fabian; Year 2: Elsie, Syeda, Mollie, Siya, Sai; Year 3: Chinmayi, Livinia







We would like to thank Asda, Aldi, Tescos, Sainsbury, Farm Foods for their generous donations of Easter eggs and a huge thank you to Laura Simpson, who continues to work so hard to make these events enjoyable for all our children.

However, the PTA can only be successful if we have the support of our families. Please do let the school office know if you could spare a few hours to help with fundraising. The extra money goes towards making the children's time in school memorable. Examples are the recent Pantomime, Secret Santa and Year 6 Leavers events. Thank you!



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 94.0% For the week beginning 18th March, weekly attendance was 92.2%. Our school target is 96%.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's class of the week was 5JM with 578 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 Friday 19th April are: Anaya 2LD; Lily & Blanka, both 3MG, Khalil 4RM and Keira 6ES.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY	90.8
RJB	89.7
REF	83.8
1SF	94.8
1LZ	93.1
2LD	95.5
2EM	92.4
змб	92.3
3BF	92.5
4RM	92.2
4IT	95.7
5JM	90.7
5SN	91.5
6MN	92.2
6ES	97.8

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

We all want children to grow up in a safe, loving environment and become happy, confident adults. It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to:

break some bad news

- ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour.

You might not know how to talk to children about difficult topics. Please see the link for more information on this: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/

HILLINGDON HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME

There are still places available for families to book their children onto the Hillingdon Borough Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Easter programme. The holiday programme is open to school-aged children from Reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

The programme, **fully funded** by the Department for Education, offers healthy food and fun activities, provides opportunities for children and young people to develop new skills, take part in creative and physical activities, learn about food and cooking, and enjoy a nutritious meal each day.

Activities this Easter include:

- · Sports; Football, Cricket, Basketball and multi-sports
- · Parent and child cookery sessions with Learn Hillingdon
- · Dance, drama and arts programmes
- · Multi-activity camps
- · SEN activity camps

View their webpage <u>Easter HAF programme - Hilling-don Council</u> where you can find out more about HAF, check out the Easter programme offer and find booking information.

Email: hafprogramme@hillingdon.gov.uk

GET TO KNOW US

Name: Ms S Penson, Learning Support Assistant
What do you like most about St Matthew's? Working
with a great, supportive team of friends.

The one thing you do not know about me. Some might not know I'm a twin and being a flag bearer at the 9th Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic World Championships held at Wembley in 1979.

My favourite book as a child was any of the Famous Five books by Enid Blyton.