



# ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday Newsletter No. 21

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### MENU

The menu for the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February is Week 2 of the Spring Term menu. Details are on the website.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FEBRUARY

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** Book Week; Change to the menu today & tomorrow; Year 5 trip to Gurdwara, Southall; 2pm Parents Utd meeting

#### MARCH

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** 'Dress as a book Character' day; St David's Day  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Royal Ball for Nursery & Reception; 9am 1RD and 2.50pm 4CP class workshops  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 trip to Wat Buddhapadipa  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Inclusion coffee meeting for all parents; WE Day event at Wembley  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** 9am 1TH class worship & 2.50pm PGL Rivals assembly  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Life Bus in school this week; 6LB swimming this week only (letter to follow)



### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.....

#### This week the children have been thinking about Lent

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which Jesus spent fasting in the desert, after which he endured temptation by the Devil. It is also the time when Christians get ready for the events of Holy Week and more time is given over to prayer and fasting. By giving up our favourite foods, we are reminded that it is God who our lives depend on.

*'Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent. And when I've given it up, Remind me to pray to You instead. To thank You, to love You, to hear from You. Each and every day in Lent. Amen'*



## MERIT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Merit Awards this week:

|            |                |            |                 |
|------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>RKT</b> | <b>Liliana</b> | <b>RMM</b> | <b>Sophia</b>   |
| <b>1TH</b> | <b>Kyra</b>    | <b>1RD</b> | <b>Austin</b>   |
| <b>2RF</b> | <b>Thomas</b>  | <b>2RH</b> | <b>Isadora</b>  |
| <b>3EC</b> | <b>Arun</b>    | <b>3NM</b> | <b>Jeremiah</b> |
| <b>4CP</b> | <b>Tasmin</b>  | <b>4SB</b> | <b>Harvey</b>   |
| <b>5JP</b> | <b>Emily</b>   | <b>5MN</b> | <b>Jessica</b>  |

A fantastic week for RKT, as they are joint winners of the Attendance award with a perfect 100% attendance as well as the Punctuality award winners, with every child arriving at school on time during the week before half term. Congratulations also go to the other joint winners, 2RH, with 100% attendance. Classes 4CP and 5JP were very close behind with 99.2% attendance. Great effort everyone!

### KS1 CLASS WORSHIPS

These start at 9am in the KS2 hall

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 1RD

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 1TH

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 2RH

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 2RF

### KS2 CLASS WORSHIPS

Gates will open at 2.40pm for a 2.50pm start in

KS2 hall

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – 4CP

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – PGL Rivals

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – 3NM

### COOKING SESSIONS

By the end of the school year, all our pupils will have had cooking sessions either in school (Nursery & Reception) or at St Martin's School.

We are hoping that some of our parents would show the children how to make one of their favourite family dishes. You would be supported by staff from school and given all the ingredients you need. If you would like to help us out, and show off your cooking skills too, please leave your name at the school office or speak to your class teacher!



Please can we also ask that you check with Mrs Winter, our Welfare Officer, that she is holding the most up to date information on file regarding your child's allergies or medical needs.

### CHANGE TO MENU

Please note that due to delivery issues, we have had to swap over Monday & Tuesday's main meals next week (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February).

**Monday: chicken or cheese & tomato pizza**

**Tuesday: hot dogs or vegetable pasta bake**

### LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder to make sure that all items of uniform, including PE kit and school shoes, are clearly labelled. There will be a table in the middle playground each day after school next week with lost property items.

Don't forget that members of the **We Act Club** are selling homemade bracelets to raise money for improving children's education in impoverished areas of the world. Bracelets cost from 50p - £2.00 with all money raised going to the We Act charity.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Please can we remind parents that school trips are arranged throughout the year, to coincide with curriculum areas that the classes are studying.

It is expected that all children will take part in these as they are designed to enhance their understanding and knowledge.

If you do have any questions regarding school trips, please call in or email the school office.

# Book Week



We will be celebrating Book Week during the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February with various exciting events for all. We are sure the children will enjoy this special week!

## MONDAY

The author, Michael De Souza, will be visiting various year groups for storytelling. He will be selling copies of his books after school, prices between £1-£3.

## TUESDAY

The older children will be 'buddying' up with pupils in younger classes to hear them read their books.

## WEDNESDAY

Children may bring a book they do not want any more and swap with books brought in by other children. Please note that the children will not get their original book back.

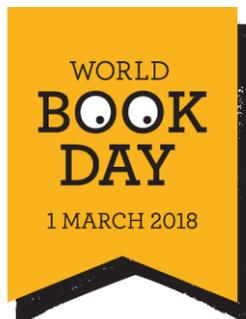
We would also ask parents if they would be able to make a voluntary donation of 50p so that we can send unwanted books to children in Africa. However, there is no obligation to do so.

## THURSDAY

The children can come in to school, dressed up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade in school so that everyone can see each other's lovely costumes. If your child is a member of a uniformed group eg Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts, Girls or Boy's Brigade they may prefer to wear their uniforms to celebrate St David's Day.

## FRIDAY

There will be an inter-house book quiz in school today as well as visits to the school library throughout the day.





A Royal Ball is being held in Nursery & Reception on **Friday 2nd March**. The Nursery children can come into school wearing their outfits but RKT and RMM will have their ball on Friday afternoon so they will need to wear their uniform to school and then change into their outfits after lunch. It would be lovely to see as many children dressed as Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses. However, if you don't have such an outfit, the children can wear their smart party clothes (please no Superhero costumes!).



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all Grandparents of our pupils in Nursery and the Reception classes and invite them to come and spend a fun session with us on **Friday 23rd March**. We will be reading together, making crafts, painting, and playing games. This is a great opportunity for you to spend time with your grandchildren and meet their friends and teachers. We hope you can make it.

**Nursery AM: 10.15 - 11.15am**  
**Nursery PM, RKT & RMM: 2pm – 3pm**

Please let us know if you are keen to come and visit, especially if there are more than two grandparents interested. Although we appreciate that not all children will have grandparents who are able to come, we are unable to invite other family members or friends.

### **SPONSORED BOUNCE**

A huge 'thank you' goes out to the members of Parents Utd who arranged the Sponsored Bounce fundraising event yesterday. Also thank you to Wiggly Woo's for providing the bouncy castles and all the families who have been so generous finding sponsors.

Please could all sponsorship money be returned to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. All the children in the school had the opportunity to bounce so even if you did not return your child's sponsor form, we would be grateful for any donations.

We hope to be able to tell you the grand total once all the money has been returned to school.

