

Friday News

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St Matthew's CE Primary School

'Forward through Friendship and Faith'

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week we have been thinking about the next part of the Christmas story - **Epiphany**. We considered the journey taken by the wise men or magi to see baby Jesus.

The children have thought about what gifts they can give to Jesus every day, by living as he has taught us.



Epiphany

'Every child has the right to an outstanding education'

Diary Dates



Mon 13th - 4DH swimming session

Weds 15th - Deadline for applying for Reception places; 9am Parents Utd meeting, everyone invited

Thurs 16th - Parent meetings for pupils in Years 1 - 6; school practising our emergency/lockdown drill

Fri 17th - Non-uniform day for RTD (Miss O'Donoghue's class) only

Mon 20th - After-school clubs start this week; Year 2 library visits; 3.30pm Year 5 & 6 parents invited to visit Life Bus for short info session

Tues 21st - Life Bus visit for Year 5

Weds 22nd - Nursery parent meetings

Thurs 23rd - Life Bus visit for Year 6 (new date); Soft start & soft finishes

Fri 24th - 'Dr Bike' for Year 6 Bikeability pupils; Nursery parent meetings

Mon 27th - Thurs 30th Bikeability for Year 6 pupils

Tues 28th - Year 5 & 6 Trust maths event at Laurel Lane

Weds 29th - 9am & 3.30pm 'Times tables' information sessions for all parents & particularly Year 4

Fri 31st - Invited pupils attending service at St Paul's, London

Please note that the diary dates are for information only. You may not yet have received a letter about the event.

Wishing all our families a very happy new year!

PARENT MEETINGS (NURSERY, YEARS 1 –6)

Please make sure you sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress in the Autumn term and targets for the new year. All the dates and time slots will be on the classroom sign up sheets (Year 6 sign up at the school office please).

Mrs Ward, SENCO, will also be available for meetings—again, please sign up at the school office to meet with her.

PE KITS

Please can we remind you that pupils should have a PE kit in school every day. Unfortunately, the school cannot supply spare PE clothing so we may have to call parents to bring in PE kits where necessary.

YEAR 6 - BIKEABILITY CYCLE COURSE

There are still some places available on the Year 6 Bikeability cycle safety course. Please complete the online form—the closing date for online applications is midday on Monday 13th January so do get in quickly!

[St Matthews CE Primary - Year 6 Bikeability Parent Invitation Letter](#)

FRENCH & SPANISH AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Pupils in Years 1 -3 really enjoyed an assembly this week by 'Speak Like a Native', a company who will be running after-school French & Spanish clubs this term.

For more details, and to secure your place, please visit;

www.speaklikeanative.com/schools/st-matthews-c-of-e

MEDICATION

If your child needs to take any type of medication at all, please see the school office or medical room to complete a medication form. We ask that no medication tablets are put into school bags.

BREAKFAST CLUB NOTICE

If your child attends morning Nursery, please ensure that siblings are dropped off in Breakfast Club by 8.25am as they cannot be accepted after that time.

Ready to Read!

If you have pre-school children, Waterstones book shop in Uxbridge do Story Time every Wednesday from 11am.

Why not try a family book – choose a story that you enjoyed in childhood and read a chapter or two each evening with your children as a group! It is a great chance to get together and turn off the TV.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Your child will have received a club letter today. Please can reply slips be brought to the school office only from Monday 13th January. Please do not hand these to your child's class teacher.

Our Attendance and class Merit Awards will return next week!

Well done to RTD who have been given their 'perfect attendance' award. They are allowed to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 17th January.

YEAR 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP 10th - 14th February 2020

Thank you to all the parents who came to the PGL information session yesterday.

Please can the contact and medical information sheets be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Pocket money of £10/pupil is also payable at the school office and we ask that this is in £1 & £2 coins.

The school has now paid the final PGL instalment. If you have not yet paid your final payment, this needs to be made as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Our School Vision

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

New Term, New Year!

Our Christian values teach children to value themselves: they are courageous advocates for the Christian message and the morals it instils in them, including issues of equality, justice and diversity.

This term our focus school value will be on Friendship, reflecting on our school rules ‘We always include everyone’ and ‘We are mindful of our actions’. We will also be reflecting on the idea of faith and how it makes a difference to our everyday lives, sharing our thoughts through our hallway displays and in worship.

Director’s Visit

At St Matthew’s Church of England Primary School, we aim to provide high quality teaching and learning along with a deeply Christian ethos that enables our children to become respectful and aspirational citizens.

This week one of the Directors of the Frays Academy Trust visited the school and was thrilled to see how well the children behave and how engaged they were in their learning. The children enjoyed meeting him and sharing their learning with him.

Speak Like a Native Assembly

We aim to provide opportunities for children, both within the classroom and beyond, which will enable them to respond to the Big Questions that life often poses.

The children in Years 1 and 3 were very excited to hear that they could have the opportunity to learn French or Spanish at our Speak like a Native club! Please enquire at the office if you are interested (please note that there is a charge for this club as it is run by an external company).

Worship

Worship is the beating heart of the school and educates children on teachings from the Bible, providing opportunities to bring children closer to God and enabling them to understand the relevance of faith to their everyday lives.

Worship this week has carried the Christmas story onwards as we celebrate Epiphany! The children have reflected that there are many people in the world who must leave their homes to be safe, just as Jesus fled to Egypt. We pray for those affected by war and violence, as well

OUR SCHOOL RULES

We are mindful of our actions,

We are responsible for our own

Learning,

We always include everyone



In my shoes - Recognising Mental Health

Enrolment date: 14th February 2020 Time: 9.30 -11.30.

Venue: St Martins Primary School, Rowan Road, West Drayton UB7 7UF.

Course starts on 28th February 2020, every Friday for 5 weeks from 9:30am – 11.30.

Aims: To recognise the mental health of both parents and children in partnership of each other and to develop some support strategies that can help identify and promote early intervention for parents when supporting their children with their own mental health.

You need to be aged 19+ and resident in the UK for a minimum of 3 years, and you will need to show proof of identity and residency during an enrolment session before the course starts.

There is a compulsory well-being survey that needs to be completed before and after you finish your course. This survey will allow us to assess if your learning has had a positive benefit to your well-being.

Unfortunately you will be deemed unsuitable for Hillingdon Adult & Community Learning 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing' courses if you choose not to complete these forms and give consent for your information to be used for the programme.

Learn to speak and understand English



This course will be held at Laurel Lane Primary School on Monday afternoons, start date to be confirmed.

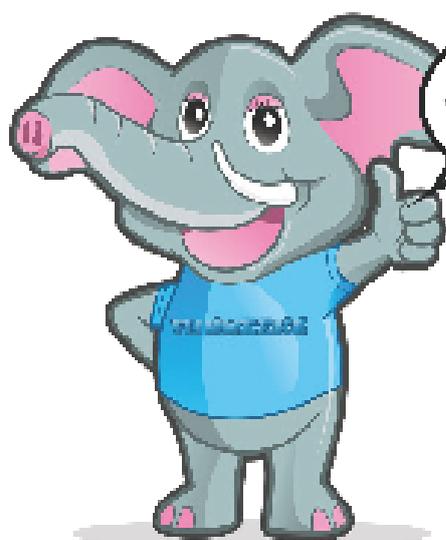
Please register your interest at the school office or contact Linda Smith, Family Support Worker for Frays Academy Trust schools.



@ COWLEY ST LAURENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALF TERM DODGEBALL AND MULTI-SPORT FUNWEEK

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 12
MONDAY 17th - FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2020



COME AND
JOIN THE FUN!

COWLEY ST LAURENCE
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
WORCESTER ROAD,
UXBRIDGE
UB8 3TH

9AM TO 3PM

COST:

ANY SINGLE DAY
= £15
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= £60

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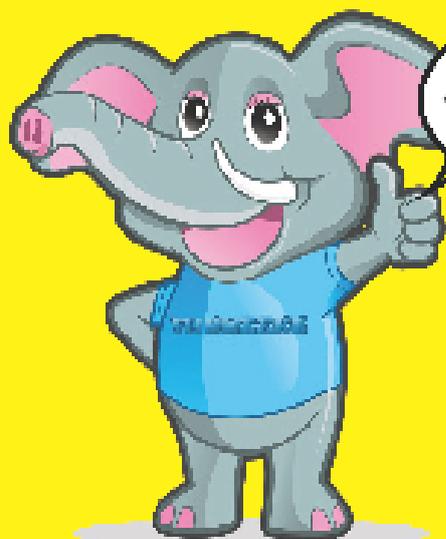


@ ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALF TERM DANCE AND GYMNASTICS FUNWEEK

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 12

MON 17th FEB - FRI 21st FEB 2020



ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL,
ROWAN RD,
WEST DRAYTON,
UB7 7UF

9AM TO 3PM

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