

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

31st March 2023



As we approach the Easter holiday, I just wanted to say this on behalf of the children and staff; thank you for your continued support, wishing you all a happy and holy Easter.

The Easter story is one of Hope. The followers of Jesus experienced great darkness and despair on Good Friday but then came the Resurrection and great joy. It reminds us that in Jesus we find our ultimate joy and salvation. Please enjoy the break and spend time with your loved ones.

Love and prayers,

*Mrs Sime*



## Dates for your Diary

<b>5C Class Assembly – Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 2:15pm in Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 5th April – Chicken Nugget Easter Lunch</b>	<b>Thursday 6th April 2023 – Party Lunch</b>
<b>There are no after school clubs next week (Week Commencing 3rd April 2023) – This includes Year 6 Boosters.</b>		

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## Lenten and Easter Events

We have had a great week fundraising for Nugent Care, each class has done something different to raise money for this cause, thank you to all families for their contributions. Once we have finalised our donation to Nugent Care we will update you.

Please join us as the children help us to reflect on the true meaning of Easter this Holy Week. This will be a prayerful service that will offer the chance to think about the Stations of the Cross.

### Easter Services:

- Reception – 5th April at 2.15pm (School Hall)
- Key Stage 1 – 4th April at 11am (Church)
- Key Stage 2 – 3rd April at 11am (Church)



### Egg Decorating Competition:

- April 5th – class prizes

### Easter Bonnet (EYFS and KS1) / Hat Design Parade (KS2):

- April 6th – On the yard first thing in the morning. Parents are invited to attend and celebrate with the school. Children can wear their own clothes. For further information, please see the detail below.

**Please note, on Thursday 6th March school will finish for all children at 12pm.**

## Holy Communion

Canon Conor has arranged the following dates for Year 4s First Holy Communion and preparation.

**Session 4 – Thursday 20th April 1.20 pm – 2.05 pm  
and 2.05 pm – 2.50 pm**

**Session 5 – Thursday 27th April 1.20 pm – 2.05 pm  
and 2.05 pm – 2.50 pm**

### First Holy Communion

Saturday 13th May 1.00 pm – 4M

Sunday 14th May 1.00 pm – 4R



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## PTFA Disco

A great big THANK YOU! to our PTFA for organising and running our school disco last Friday. All of the children and staff who attended had a very enjoyable evening.



## Community Food Store

Our School Community Food store is looking a little bare at the moment, if anybody has any non perishable foods such as pasta sauce mixes, tins etc that they do not use please feel free to bring these in.



## A Fond Farewell

On Monday 27th March 2023, we said a fond farewell to Bev, one of our dinner ladies, who retired after a whopping 33 years of service at St Matthew's. We wish her the happiest of retirements.



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## Road Safety

Thank you to all the parents/carers and pupils who are walking, cycling, or parking further away from the school gates to avoid congestion in the local areas of the school. Thank you to all parents who have changed their journey to school and parking locations.

**I would like respectfully remind you that you should not be parking:**

- Directly outside of school – on school KEEP CLEAR Markings, or in the bus stop
- Close to Junctions
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Double parking
- Parking in front of resident driveways
- Parking on Pavements the constant bumping up onto the pavement with doors swinging open across the footway continues to pose an ongoing hazard for pedestrians.

## Prime Drinks



Recently we've had a few cases of children bringing bottles of 'Prime Hydration' to school.

Although there are no reported health risks to children associated with drinking 'Prime Hydration' the drink does contain a high level of electrolytes. Electrolytes aren't recommended for children unless they are unwell or at risk of dehydration.



Another form of the drink, 'Prime Energy', contains around 200mg of caffeine for every 330ml and as a result, is not recommended for children under the age of 18.

Consequently, the school has taken the decision to ban all forms of the Prime drink. Children should therefore not bring it to school **even if the bottle is empty and refilled with water.**

Other drinks that are not allowed in school include all fizzy drinks and all other energy drinks.



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## School day from September 2023

From September 2023 primary schools are expected to offer a 32.5 hour week. This is part of the government plans, and was noted in the ['White Paper' Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child.](#)

The document notes this is to try to "make sure children and young people fulfil their full potential in the classroom". This equates to a six-and-a-half-hour day, Monday to Friday, the equivalent of a school being open to pupils from 8.45am to 3.15pm.

**Following this guidance from September our school times will be as follows: 8:45 – 3:15pm for KS2 and 8.45 to 3.10pm for EYFS and KS1.**

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## Forum Friday

We would like to introduce a Forum Friday. This will be an opportunity to support the school with future plans and next steps, in a safe and friendly forum.

These meetings will be held on the final Friday of every month at 2.15pm in the school hall. They will be attended by a variety of stakeholders for example, school leaders, teachers, governors, PTFA members, children and community people. More information to follow on the newsletter later this term. Together we can make a difference and shape the future of this school.



**The first meeting will be held on Friday 28th April at 2.15pm.**

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## Summer Uniform

As the weather is beginning to get a bit warmer, we would like to remind you of our expectations for the summer uniform, which can be worn in school from **18th April 2023.**

**Trainers are not to be worn, unless it is your child's PE day, with their PE Kit.**

Children in Reception can also wear the summer uniform, a summer dress or grey short trousers and a polo shirt.



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## Our School Day



In the morning, you can come onto the yard from 8:40am, the school doors will be open at 8:45am for children to come straight in. Learning starts at 8:45am. If your child is late please come into the school office to sign them in.

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that you bring evidence of appointment to the office for our records.

The reception opening times are 08:30am – 16:30pm.

## Parent's Evening

Thank you to our parents for attending the parent's evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school, it was extremely successful.

Please see below responses from the parent's questionnaire that was available yesterday at parent's evening. Thank you to those parents that took the time to complete it.

As a school, we feel it is vital for parents to be involved in school and learning as much as possible. Research evidence shows planning more opportunities for parents to come to school reduces the number of parental concerns and most importantly it shows a strong association between the involvement of parents in their child's education and the child's subsequent attainment.

We endeavour to do our best for our children, and school community and we welcome parental feedback which we will review and try to act in the best way possible.



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# Parent's Evening Feedback

Total Number of Responses: 83	Scale 1 (Lowest) – 5 (Highest)					Responses Received
My child is happy and safe at this school	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 0	Rating 3: Responses: 8	Rating 4: Responses:8	Rating 5: Responses:56	76
My child makes good progress at this school	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 0	Rating 3: Responses: 9	Rating 4: Responses:19	Rating 5: Responses:48	76
My child is taught well at this school	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 0	Rating 3: Responses: 6	Rating 4: Responses:16	Rating 5: Responses:55	77
I am aware of what SEND support is available for my child	Rating 1: Responses: 2	Rating 2: Responses: 4	Rating 3: Responses: 10	Rating 4: Responses:11	Rating 5: Responses:49	76
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	Rating 1: Responses: 1	Rating 2: Responses: 1	Rating 3: Responses: 8	Rating 4: Responses:18	Rating 5: Responses:47	75
The vision for learning is clear and this is demonstrated in the vision and the catholic ethos	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 2	Rating 3: Responses: 8	Rating 4: Responses:17	Rating 5: Responses:47	74
I understand the school and procedures	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 1	Rating 3: Responses: 9	Rating 4: Responses:14	Rating 5: Responses:45	69
My child is taught well at this school	Rating 1: Responses: 0	Rating 2: Responses: 0	Rating 3: Responses: 6	Rating 4: Responses:16	Rating 5: Responses:55	77
I feel involved, valued and listened as a school parent	Rating 1: Responses: 1	Rating 2: Responses: 6	Rating 3: Responses: 6	Rating 4: Responses:11	Rating 5: Responses:49	76



# Stars of the Week



 <b>RE Apple – L Wardle</b>	 <b>RM Cherry – J Drummond</b>
 <b>1MC Birch – P Keane</b>	 <b>1M Oak – B Foster</b>
 <b>2E Fir – A Walsh</b>	 <b>2D Alder – B Flemming</b>
 <b>3W Elm – E Sansum</b>	 <b>3J Cedar – F Ojiako</b>
 <b>4M Ash – M Roach</b>	 <b>4R Maple – A Abbott</b>
 <b>5B Pine – G Lei</b>	 <b>5C Willow – M Naskova</b>
 <b>6B Sycamore – A Piech</b>	 <b>6D Chestnut – A Wylie</b>

This week's Dojo winners....

**John Archer**

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## School Uniform

School uniform is important to create a sense of community, and to ensure appropriate safeguarding of all of our children. I would like to respectfully remind you that:

- Only a wristwatch (no Apple watches) and small stud ear rings to comply with health and safety guidance and safeguarding guidance are permitted.
- Hair must be of an acceptable/uniform styled and long hair must be tied back
- No painted nails or false nails are permitted in school
- Please note: all children should be wearing school PE kits and school tracksuits if they wish do so on PE days and not different sports wear.

The school uniform policy can be found on the school website and uniform is also referenced in the safeguarding and health and safety policy if you require any further information.

### Our School Suppliers:

- BRIENDA – MUIRHEAD AVENUE stocks all of our school uniform.
- F&J Uniforms – 110 Muirhead Avenue East:

Knit cardigan £14	Hoodie Zip £12.50
Knit jumper £13.50	Joggers £9.50
Knit tank top £10	PE Shorts £5
Tie £4	PE Top £7
Sweatshirt (Crew) £11	Summer Dresses £9.50
Polo £7	
Hoodie £11.50	

**A reminder that trainers should not be worn unless it is your child's PE day.**



**Boys and Girls  
Y1 - Y6  
PE Kit**

PE T-shirt £5.99  
PE Shorts £5.00

*Parents please note if your child is in Reception they use their dark grey tracksuits for PE lessons.*



**Boys Y1 - Y6**  
Autumn/ Spring Terms  
(September - Easter)

Grey jumper from £14.00  
White shirt (any supplier)  
Grey & blue tie from £3.50  
Grey pants - £6.99  
Black shoes / no trainers



**Girls Y1 - Y6**  
Autumn/ Spring Terms  
(September - Easter)

Grey slip from £8.99 (2 designs available from Brienda - Pleats)  
White shirt (any supplier)  
Grey & blue tie from £3.50  
Grey cardigan from £14.00  
Grey socks (any supplier)  
Black shoes / no trainers



**Boys and Girls  
Y1 - Y6 New  
School Coat**

Light weight coats from £14.99  
Heavy duty coats from £23.00



**Boys Y1 - Y6**  
Summer Term  
(Easter - July)

White short sleeve shirt (any supplier)  
Grey & blue tie £3.50  
Grey shorts & socks (any supplier)  
Grey tank top from £10.00  
Black shoes/ no trainers



**Girls Y1 - Y6**  
Summer Term  
(Easter - July)

Light Blue Gingham Summer Dress (any supplier)  
Grey cardigan from £14.00  
White socks (any supplier)  
Black shoes / no trainers

**New Supplier Information**

Brienda Ltd  
74 Muirhead Ave East, Liverpool, L11 1EL  
Telephone Number: 0151 226 3333

You can find this leaflet on the school website under Parents/ School Uniform. [www.stmatthewsprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stmatthewsprimaryschool.co.uk)

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## Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

[Here](#), you will find new information to support Parents/ Carers, Families and children in Liverpool. Along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

The Newsletter includes information on services that support parents around;

- Ante Natal Services
- Children Centres
- Childcare
- Debt Advice
- Domestic Abuse
- Education
- Employment Support
- Foodbanks
- Fostering in Liverpool
- HAF Half Term Activities
- Mental Health
- Money Management
- Parenting Programmes
- SEND
- Parental Mental Health
- Support for Fathers

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SPRING

## Seesaw

On the family app there is an option to switch User. If you select this you can then select students and there will be an option to add in their home learning code or scan the QR code.



Everyone should have their home learning code now – if not please see the class teacher at home time.

*Seesaw*

## Year 2 Cozy Reading Afternoon

In Year 2 we helped to raise money for the Nugent Care Society by having a Cozy Reading Afternoon.

We wore our pyjamas, brought in blankets and pillows and had a lovely reading and sharing our favourite books. Thank you for all of your generous contributions to help with our appeal.

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# Attendance Matters

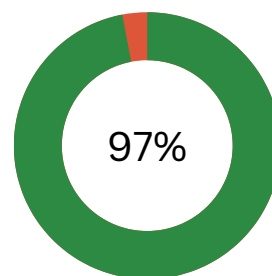


**As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.**

**Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility.**

Overall Attendance:

<b>Week Commencing:</b>	<b>20th March 2023</b>
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<b>RE Apple 97%</b>	<b>RM Cherry 99%</b>	<b>1M Oak 97%</b>	<b>1Mc Birch 97%</b>	<b>2D Alder 96%</b>	<b>2E Fir 95%</b>	<b>3W Elm 95%</b>
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## EHCP Meetings

If your child has an EHCP we will be sending out appointment times so that we can have our Spring meeting before we finish for Easter. At this meeting we will make an appointment time for the Summer term and set a date for the annual reviews.



## SENDCO Appointments – TUESDAYS


If you would like an appointment with the SENDCO please call the school office and Mrs Hall will book you a time. You can have a face to face meeting, a zoom call or a telephone call.

If you cannot make it on a Tuesday we will arrange an alternative day.



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Happy Easter!

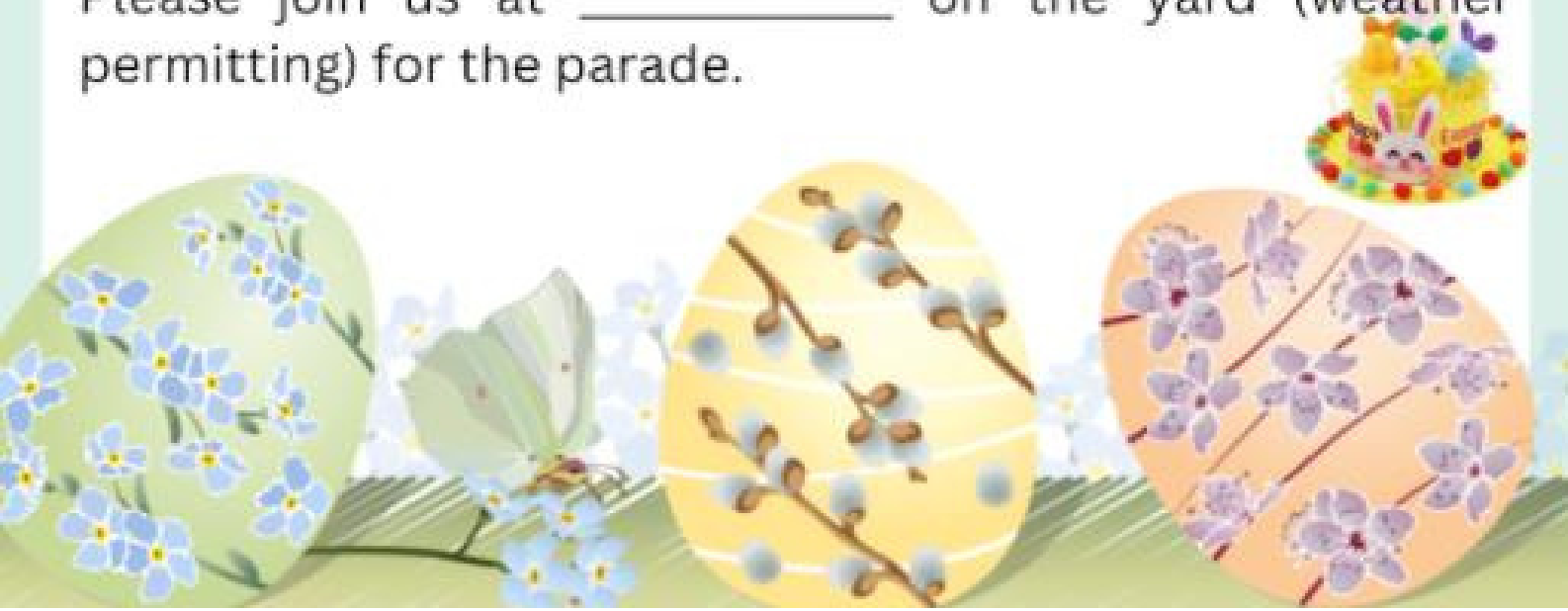
# St Matthew's Easter Bonnet Parade

All the children are invited on Thursday 6th April to wear an Easter Bonnet they have created.

This can be an upcycled hat, homemade hat/headband or any head attire in the Easter theme.

There will be a catwalk parade and judging. Prizes for the most creative bonnet will handed out. All children will receive a certificate for taking part.

Please join us at 9:15am on the yard (weather permitting) for the parade.





VOTE  
NOW!

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE  
ARTWORK ONLINE.

VOTING IS OPEN FROM  
MON 3 APRIL – MON 1 MAY 2023

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