



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL | 17.11.23

NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came to our Poppy making sessions, it was lovely to watch the children and their families working on some creative pieces.

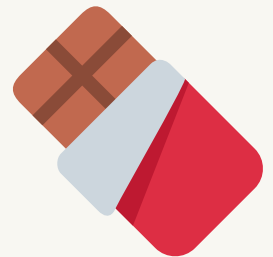
The pensioners who came for afternoon tea really enjoyed their visit to school, the poppies, poems and the choir performance.

Thank you to all families and children involved.

WINTER FESTIVAL

On Monday 4th December 2023 we will be holding our winter festival in school. Children can attend school in their own clothes.

The PTFA have asked for donations of sweets or chocolate for the tombola. If you can help, please could you bring these into school office by Thursday 30th November 2023.



PTFA

Can you spare some of your time to join our PTFA?

We are so grateful for everything our PTFA do for the children and our school, but we need more volunteers.

If you could spare some time, please email ptfa@stmatthewscps.co.uk



FROM THE DESK OF MRS SIME

As we are quickly approaching the festive season there is a real buzz of excitement in school. The children are working extremely hard and after a fantastic RE Inspection last week, we have had a party day today with Clubbercise and MTL Events have entertained the children.

You may have noticed there are a few changes being made to the playground, we are grateful to Mr Hughes for his hard work with this and look forward to when it is all complete.

Please follow our social media pages
@StMatthewsCPS



MINCE PIE AND BAUBLES

On Friday 8th December 2023, once you have collected your children you are invited to your child's class to purchase a bauble they have made.

Then you are invited to the school hall for a lovely hot chocolate and a mince pie for a small donation.



PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

After the roaring success of our pensioners afternoon tea last week we will be holding a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

More details are to be announced but if you know a pensioner who would love to come, please complete this google form to register and someone will be in contact.

<https://forms.gle/nvWiFRaw2veFrRR7A>



COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Our community food store is looking at bit bare, if anybody could donate a non perishable food item we would be very grateful.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Bobby B, Lilia C, James M, Penelope F, Annie-Beth G, Jacob C, Riley F, Isabella L, Indie P, Isla M, Freya E

GOOD TO BE GREEN

Joella E, Medea Z, Elliott B, Chloe A, Harry Mc, Dale D, Lilia W, Dylan B-G, Alfie C, Oliver W, Lily-May T

DOJO

This Week's Dojo Winners are:



Noel Chavasse

Looking Forward

Reception & KS1 Gullivers World - 11th December 2023

KS2 Pantomime - 15th December 2023

Whole School Chester Zoo - In the Spring Term 2024, we will join Chester Zoo in their Project Schools: Wildlife Connections programme, where we will have 3 workshops in school with the zoo and this will culminate in a visit to Chester Zoo for the whole school.

This project is focused on the habitat destruction that is taking place in the UK, the children will learn all about our native wildlife and empower them to look after it by teaching them what they can do in their own homes.

SCHOOL HOURS

Our school office is not open to parents until 8:30 AM. If you need to meet with or speak to a teacher, we kindly request that you call the school in advance to schedule an appointment. The office will close at 4:30 PM. Any inquiries or matters that arise after this time will be addressed on the following school day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club begins at 07:45 am. Please can all families refrain from bringing food from home, as we have already catered for all allergies.

Children who arrive after 8:30 am will be allowed entry to the club but will not have time for any breakfast before the start of the school day.

ATTENDANCE

Children must attend school, on time, every day. If your child is ill and not attending school please inform us via Studybugs as soon as possible, before 9am. Our attendance team will begin making telephone calls to families who have not informed us that their child will not be attending school.

Please note that holidays during term time will not be approved and absence will be recorded as such.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A polite reminder that all children should be attending school in their full school uniform with correct shoes.

PE Kits and trainers are only to be worn on PE Days and no leggings or tights should be worn with PE Kits.

SCHOOL SITE

If you are dropping your children off or picking up, please refrain from parking on Queens Drive, in the Church Car Park or across the entrance and exit of the car park. There has been some improvement in this but there are still some parents who are not adhering to this.

Additionally, if you are collecting your children with a pet, we ask that you stand well back from the school gates as there have been some instances of dogs barking and trying to fight one another whilst children are leaving. We have some children who are extremely nervous around dogs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all parents who have volunteered to accompany the children on the school trips. We have had an overwhelming response to this and we are sorry that we cannot accommodate all family members who have volunteered.

The class teacher will be in contact with the families in due course and will invite you in to complete the necessary paperwork and risk assessments for these trips.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH - MASS TIMES THIS WEEK



SATURDAY - 6PM
SUNDAY - 10AM

WE ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE AT MASS EACH WEEK FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR.

ALL CHILDREN, FAMILIES, STAFF AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ARE ALSO WARMLY INVITED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING:
BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES, ETC.,
CAN BE MADE WITH THE CHURCH SECRETARY
ON 0151 228 1310



Attendance Matters

At St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School

As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.
Good school attendance is everybodys responsibility.

R Cherry	91.7%	R Apple	94.7%
1 Birch	96%	1 Oak	93.3%
2 Alder	95.2%	2 Fir	94.8%
3 Cedar	94.8%	3 Elm	97.1%
4 Ash	96.6%	4 Maple	97.1%
5 Willow	97.3%	5 Pine	93.4%
6 Chestnut	94%	6 Sycamore	98.6%

Whole School Attendance: 95.3%



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Theme	Lead
23rd November	2pm	SEND	Mrs Gaskell / Mrs Sime
30th November	8.45	Computing E-safety	Mr Garcia
6th December	8.45am – all day	Christmas craft	Ms Barnes / PTFA
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Positive play /parents' course	Ms Barnes
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Sleep session	Outside Deliverer

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

29.11.23	2M FIR
06.12.23	Reception
13.12.23	3W ELM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
30.11.23	Christmas Decorations
1.12.23	Staff Advent Service
8.12.23	Mince Pies and Baubles - Parents Event
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
6.12.23 - 10 am	EYFS Nativity
19.12.23 - 10 am	KS1 Nativity
20.12.23 - 10 am	KS2 Nativity
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day
22.12.23	Christmas Assembly Finish for Christmas