



St Matthew's Primary School

Autumn 1 Newsletter



To all our families,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the overwhelming support and understanding shown to the school on Wednesday. Miss Emma Krstic joined St Matthew's as a graduate Teaching Assistant back in 2011. She then completed her teacher training with us, taking her first teaching post in 2014. Miss Krstic received her diagnosis in July 2016 whilst she was a Y6 class teacher. She was still employed by St Matthew's and we had expected her to be back teaching this September. Sadly this was not to be. Miss Krstic was only 29 years old. When teaching she was an inspiration to all children who worked with her. She had such incredible talent and passion. Outside of teaching Miss Krstic was a very dear friend to many of our colleagues. She was a HUGE part of our St Matthew's community.

As a school we only received the news ten minutes before the children came in on Wednesday. Understandably our colleagues were visibly upset. This impacted on all areas of the school.

The decision to allow children to leave early was not taken lightly as I am fully aware of the impact on parents and carers. This decision was supported by the Governing body and the Local Authority, due to exceptional circumstances.

The time and space this provided allowed staff to come together, and begin to process the news. Ex colleagues from other schools were also able to join us.

This meant that by Thursday morning staff were able to return to their usual roles, giving the children all of their attention.

I am incredibly proud to be able to lead such a caring and supportive school, where humanity and empathy truly runs through all that we do.

Once again, thank you for your patience and compassion. It was greatly appreciated.

Ms V Rayner
Acting Headteacher

THANK YOU!!

On Wednesday 3rd October we held a cake sale day to support Macmillan Cancer
We raised an amazing £504.20
So thank you for your generosity once again.

Term Dates for 2018/19

Autumn Term 2: Monday 29th October - Thursday 20th December 2018 (Please note that children can be collected from 2pm on 20/12/18)

School holiday from Friday 21st Dec (Staff Training day) to 6th January 2019

Spring Term 1: Monday 7th January 2019 until Thursday 14th February 2019

Friday 15th February is a Staff Training day

Half term from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

Spring Term 2: Monday 25th February until Friday 5th April 2019

School holiday from Monday 8th April to Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (Training day)

Summer Term 1: Wednesday 24th April until Friday 24th May 2019

May bank holiday Monday 6th May

Half Term from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Summer Term 2: Monday 3rd June until Tuesday 23rd July 2019. Children can be collected from 2pm on 23rd July.

School Uniform Reminder

Our uniform's main items are grey trousers/skirts/pinafores etc. (NOT BLACK), white polo shirt/shirt and maroon sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper and black shoes. Our full uniform list can be seen on our website.



Non Uniform Day Friday 19th October

On Friday 19th October, our last day of Autumn one term, we are holding a non-uniform day to support Luton Foodbank.

Instead of a monetary donation we would ask for a donation of the following:

Rice pudding (Tinned)
Instant noodles
Meat (Tinned)
Custard (Tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)
Fruit (Tinned)
Fruit Juice (Carton)
Dried rice (500g)
Soup
Milk (UHT)
Baked beans (Tinned)
Tomatoes (Tinned)
Fish (Tinned)
Dried pasta (500g)
Pasta sauce
Breakfast cereal
Tea bags
Biscuits
Sugar (500g)
Instant coffee
Jam

Polite reminder

Any type of pet / animals are **NOT** allowed on the school premises under any circumstances, even if you are carrying them.

Reporting Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school please make sure you call school before 9.30am on 01582 723970 select option 1 and clearly state your child's name (spelling surname), class and reason for absence.

If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea more than once they must stay off school for 48 hrs.

Updating School

Please remember to let the school office know if you change your phone number or move house. This also applies to other contacts we have on file for your child.

Please also remember to let the school office/class teacher know if someone other than yourself is collecting your child. We CAN NOT let your child go with an adult who we have no information about.

ParentMail

Thank you to all those parents who have set up ParentMail, our school communication system.

So far:

95% of parents receive emails

91% of parents have a ParentMail account

67% of parents have the ParentMail App

If you are one of the 5% who do not receive emails, please give us an email address urgently. You are missing out on important information from school.

Family Centre Movie Night

A new date will be arranged soon for those families who had booked tickets for this event.

