

ST MATTHEW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

New Headteacher

The Governing Board is delighted to announce that Mrs Eve Alderson will be our new Headteacher and my successor when I retire at the end of this academic year. Once we have details of a confirmed start date for Mrs Alderson, we will let you know. Mrs Alderson is delighted to take up this post and is looking forward to meeting you all as soon as possible.

New Teacher

We welcome Miss Ami Henderson into our teaching team from September 2021 and she will be initially teaching Year 3. Miss Henderson has been into school and met with the children and is excited to be starting with us in September.

COVID 19 Delta Strain

Due to the increasing number of confirmed cases locally and nationally, we request that adults, when on the school premises, continue to wear masks and observe current social distancing guidelines until further notice. Working together and following guidelines, we can try and reduce the possibility of the virus spreading through our community.

End of Year Events

It has been very challenging for us all to look ahead and plan our 'usual' end of year events. Unfortunately, due to the latest increase in COVID cases, we have had to curtail plans for events where we would normally have parents/family members in attendance. The children will have Sports Day activities as part of their PE lessons but we will not be able to have any spectators.

Our Year 6 Production takes place on Tuesday, 20 July 2021 and we hope to have a limited audience with invitations for family members only. If an audience is not possible, we will record the production and show it on the school YouTube channel. Further details will follow once we know what is possible.

Our Year 6 Leavers' Mass is scheduled to be in school on Friday, 23 July 2021 at 11 00 am. Once again, this will be subject to government guidelines, but we hope to have a congregation limited to Year 6 children only and a limited number of their family members. Further details will follow once we know what is possible.

End of Year Reports

All children will receive an end of year report on Friday, 16 July 2021.

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Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Days and Summer School

Due to the upsurge in COVID cases, the secondary schools in South Tyneside have cancelled their Transition Days this year, so all Year 6 pupils should attend St Matthew's as usual on Thursday, 15 and Friday, 16 July 2021. Further information will be sent out directly to parents from the secondary schools. It is hoped the Summer School weeks for all secondary schools will still operate as planned. Further information will follow once they know what is possible.

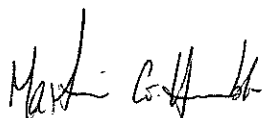
School Uniform

School uniform is available to purchase, online, from our two official suppliers: Emblematic and Total Sport. There is an ordering link to both suppliers in the 'Parents' section on the School website. Please note that all school bags are available to purchase from the School Office: Infant Bags and PE Bags are £3.00 each and Junior Bags are £4.00 each.

Thank you for your continuing support during these challenging times for us all. I will also take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff team here at St Matthew's as they strive to provide the best opportunities for your children to learn in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Take Care and Stay Safe

God's Blessings on you all



Martin Humble

Headteacher