

# ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you have had a restful half-term break and enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are looking forward to the final half-term of the year and all the exciting events ahead – please keep an eye on our school diary on our website and look out for letters about upcoming trips. We will also continue to send text reminders about events as we know it is a busy term!

## **School Photographer**

As advised on our 'Diary of Events' issued on our Summer newsletter, the school photographer will be in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Pre-school children, and their siblings, will be photographed from 8.30 am onwards. Please enter via the hall door.

Once again, we are using Tempest School Photography Service where the system is that all pupils have their photograph taken individually and also with any siblings in school. Class photographs will be taken on the same day. Your child will then bring home an order form with details about how to order the photographs online. All children to come to school in full uniform please. Please note, Reception do not need to bring their PE kits in but, as per trip letter, please could Year 2 bring their PE kits in for their trip to Marine Park.

## **Parking**

We know that recently there have been some issues regarding parking and traffic around the school at pick-up and drop-off times. This has created some negative incidents for both our parents and our neighbours.

We appreciate that some of you will need to drop off and pick-up your children at school by car, but please park considerately and follow the traffic regulations in place around the school. We are working closely with South Tyneside Council Highways team on this issue but we also need your support to help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

## **INSET Day**

Just a gentle reminder that, as per previous communication, our INSET day is now **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, not Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** as originally planned. This is to allow for some vital whole staff training taking place on this date.



### **Healthy Minds Coffee Morning**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9am, we are holding a coffee morning in the hall. Natalie Doyle from the Healthy Minds Team will join us for an informal chat, alongside myself and Louise Swailes, Mental Health and Counselling Coordinator, and it will be a lovely chance to welcome parents into school for a cuppa and a biscuit. All welcome – please enter via the hall doors.

### **Class Teacher Temporary Post**

We are currently advertising for a temporary class teacher. Please see our website and spread the word.

### **Summer Fayre**

Following the success of our amazing Platinum Jubilee event, the Friends of St Matthew's are holding our Summer Fayre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon until 2pm. All are welcome – more information to follow!

### **Years 1 and 2 Father's Day Liturgy**

All parents/carers/father figures (Dads/Uncles/Grandads/Carers etc) of Year 1 and 2 pupils are invited to join us for a liturgy in the hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. Mums and females welcome, too!

### **Pentecost Prayer**

In school this week we celebrated the feast of Pentecost on Monday during our liturgical prayer. Here is a prayer you may wish to say with your child at home:

**God of mercy, fill us with your Spirit and guide us as we try to share your peace in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

As always, please just get in touch if you need anything at all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Alderson  
Headteacher