



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back. The school is already buzzing with activity and learning using wonderful texts as the focus.

We already have many much valued parent volunteers but we could always do with more. If you find yourself with a "spare" hour that you could give to the school on a regular basis, we are keen to hear from you. Either speak to your child's class teacher, e mail office @st-matthews.kent.sch.uk or phone on 01892 528098. Many thanks in advance!

Trainers

It would be extremely helpful if you are able to supply your child with a pair of inexpensive trainers for winter PE. As you will be aware, sport is really taking off at St Matthew's and children are now able to participate in a wide variety of sports at many points in the day. Whilst "pumps" are ok and often ideal in the better weather, during winter, slightly sturdier footwear is preferable if possible.

We really do not want children to ask for expensive trainers and I will talk to all of them about the need for any trainers provided to be inexpensive. I have looked in local providers and on line and there are a wide range of trainers available at around £10-15. This is ideal.

Please do not worry if you are unable to provide these at the moment. "Pumps" will do in the short term. If families do have old trainers still in good condition that have been out grown, we would be delighted if you would donate them to school!

By the way – our Y5 and 6 athletics team came third out of sixteen district schools last week – well done!!

Communication

Communication is an area that we are beginning to focus on. In order to enhance communication we are putting in place:-

- Class representatives
- New School website
- More regular news letters
- Fortnightly class newsletter

I really hope that these measures assist you but if there are any areas where we need to improve, let us know by either emailing office@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk for general issues or headteacher@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk for specific problems.

As always, we are here to help so do get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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