



St Matthew's CE News

The Newsletter that keeps St Matthews's CE families and friends informed!

Spring Term 2019

Welcome to our newsletter dedicated specifically to Special Educational Needs (SEN). We hope that you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEN news and updates here at St Matthew's. We hope to publish a newsletter on a termly basis. If you have anything that you would like included in future newsletters, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

SEN Co-ordinators.

After half term Mrs Woodward will be returning from her maternity leave and will resume her role as KS2 SENDCo. Miss Keates will remain as SENDCo for EYFS and KS1. Please be ware that we also teach within classes. If you have any urgent queries then please contact us by leaving a message with the office or emailing and we will try and get back to you as soon as we can. The email for the office is office@stmatthewsce.bradford.sch.uk.

My Support Plans.

Most parents should have now met with their child's class teacher who will have shared their child's My Support Plan. A My Support Plan details the provision that has been put in place for children on the SEN register. A meeting will be arranged on a termly basis to review the impact of the provision and to discuss adapting this as necessary. If you have not yet had a My Support Plan meeting then please contact your child's class teacher so that this can be arranged.

Early Bird's Half Term Event

Early Birds is a special event for families with children who have an Autism Spectrum Condition, an anxiety disorder, or a Special Educational Need that means they would benefit from a quieter, more relaxed museum opening. The museum will open early—at 08.30—and will be available exclusively for our Early Birds guests until 10.00, when we open our doors to the general public. Entry and activities are free. Early Birds visitors can also enjoy an autism friendly film screening at reduced ticket prices.

WHAT'S ON

Early Birds is a great way to explore the museum at a quiet time, away from the hustle and bustle of crowds.
Join in some fun CBBC Games activities in Gallery 1 and Makespace
Wonderlab is full of amazing sights and sounds, and there will be a sensory play area in the Wonderlab Studio
Most of our other galleries will be open for families to explore and play with interactive exhibits
The Kodak Gallery will have screens and sounds turned off to ensure a quieter space
The Café will be opening early to serve breakfast
After 10.00, families are of course welcome to stay and continue to enjoy their visit to the museum.

FILM SCREENING

As part of the event, there will be an autism friendly film screening of StarDog and TurboCat(U). Meet pet superheroes Buddy and Felix in this madcap adventure!
During the screening, low lights will be left on in the auditorium and the volume of the soundtrack will be reduced. It's fine for you to move around, make noise or take a break during the film.
Tickets are available at the special reduced rate of £3. Buy your tickets at the box office on the day, or book online.

Parent Support.

If you would like any additional support or to attend any events within Bradford to support you with SEN then these can be found on the Bradford Local Offer Website: <https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/services/whats-new?id=2>

This includes information, workshops and fun days organised specifically for children with Special Educational

