



St Matthew's Newsletter

June/July 2019

Hello everyone, welcome to this newsletter at the beginning of our last half-term of the year! It has once again been a very busy year in the life of our school and I am delighted to be a part of the dedicated team who are working together to be the best we can be.

Mr Mackley – Headteacher

Christian Values

Our Christian Value this half term is 'Respect'.

"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12



New school website

By now we hope you will have seen our new school website <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lanacs.sch.uk/> and have been able to have a good look around. We are continuing to develop it and add more information. Please do use the contact facility to let us know what you like and what could be improved.

Attendance and Punctuality

Being at school every day and arriving on time are vitally important in making sure that each child has the best opportunity to learn well at school. Most children do achieve this every day; however, we still have a small group of persistent families who come to school late every day and are having to come in through the front door. Please try hard to ensure your child is on time for school. We continue to monitor pupils who are late and will report persistent lateness to the Pupil Attendance Support Team and families may be fined. If you have any issues and need support, please contact school and arrange a meeting with Mrs Naik, our school's Attendance Leader.

School Uniform

Could you please ensure that children are attending school wearing the correct foot wear, black sensible shoes only, please. Trainers and other shoe types/colours are not acceptable.

School Premises – Mobile phones and Conduct

Could all parents please ensure that whilst on the school premises mobiles phones are not used. This includes the playgrounds as well as inside the school. Could parents also please consider children and other parents when on the school premises and refrain from the use of foul language or any type of behaviour that may be deemed as threatening, intimidating or violent.

Artsmark

I am very proud to announce that our school has been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award by the Arts Council, England. This is a very prestigious award and is nationally recognised as demonstrating excellence in arts and cultural provision. The award raises the public profile of a school and contributes to the cultural aspect of Ofsted's requirement that a school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. A massive thank you must be given to both Mrs Hatton and Miss Harling who have dedicated two years of commitment and hard work in securing this award for our school.

Well done!



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Healthy Snacks

Could parents please ensure that they are only sending children to school with healthy snacks and **NOT** chocolate.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

On our final day of term, Friday, 19th July, we will be holding our End of Year & Year 6 Leavers' Service in church. This will take place at 9.15am and parents of our Year 6 children are invited. We do hope that you are able to join us to share together in wishing our Year 6 pupils well as they leave us for High School.

Diary Dates

We have quite a busy half term ahead of us, so please do look carefully at the dates below to make sure you don't miss anything 😊

14th June School closed, INSET day
18th June Reception class trip to Windmill Farm
18th June Ready, Steady, School – Adult Learning Course for Parents/Guardians of children starting Reception in September (9:30am-11:30am)
18th June Adult Learning – Crafts, open to all (1:00pm – 3:00pm)
19th June Reception intake meeting for Parents & Guardians of new intake; School Hall (9:15am)
19th June Y4, visitor in school with animals
24th June New Reception intake – stay and play
25th June Y5 visit to Christ the King School (am)
26th June Y4 trip to Fishwick Bottoms (am)
27th June Y5 trip to UCLAN, Science Festival

1st July Adult Learning, Lego Robotics
3rd July The Hobbit - performance for Key Stage 2
4th July Adult Learning, Lego Robotics. Y5 trip to Harris Museum
5th July Y3/4 Sports (am) *further details to follow*
9th July Y5/6 Performance, School hall 1:45pm
10th July Y4/5 Young Readers Programme visit to Deepdale Shopping Centre. Nursery sports (am & pm)
11th July Y5 to Moor Park
12th July Nursery Open Day (Nursery closed to current nursery children)
12th July School reports home to families.
12th July Yr 5/6 Sports (am) *further details to follow*
15th July Key Stage 1 Sports
16th July Nursery Graduation' (am & pm)
19th July End of year & Y6 leavers' service (9.15am) Y6 parents welcome to attend
19th July School closes at 2.00pm for the summer

For all adult learning sessions, please contact Mrs Rossall for further details.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents, staff and governors a very happy, safe, and sunny summer and I look forward to seeing you all again when school returns in the autumn term on Tuesday, 3rd September 2019.