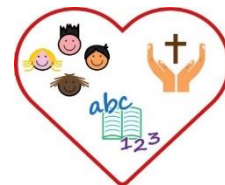


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



NEWSLETTER 10 – 15th November 2021

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Being in Harmony** and our School Value focus is **Respect**

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<div>Numbots / TTRS:</div> <div><div><div>NUMBOTS</div><div><div>Times Tables Rock Stars</div></div></div><div><div>Well done everyone who took part in the England Rocks challenge – whilst we didn’t win, we are very proud of the effort that was put in by everyone and the improvement that will have been in made in your abilities! Within school, 4C were our winners for their sheer effort over the week!</div></div></div>																														

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone and welcome to this week's newsletter. An important week as it is National Anti-Bullying Week which we are marking in school. The theme is 'One Kind Word' which is always a good approach to take! There is an Arabic proverb which regularly appears on my screen saver that may be familiar to many and it says the following:

"Open your mouth only if what you are going to say is more beautiful than silence."

As we go into this week, it is good advice for us all as we think carefully about the words we use and the impact they can have on others.

M Mackley

Parent / Carers Evening

Thank you for your understanding as we undertook this in a different format! The feedback I have had is that this was a positive experience, although never as good as meeting face to face. Please do get in touch if you wish to give any feedback to help us improve these evenings further.

School Admissions

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 or you know someone who does, a reminder that the application process is underway and applications for places can be made now at the following link
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>



Children In Need Day

This is **definitely** this coming Friday! Our wonderful School Council, run by the children themselves have asked that we take part in this important National Event. All are encouraged to come in non-uniform that day and bring a donation towards the vital work that takes place for children and families around the UK. We recommend 50p per child and £1 per family as a guide, please give what you are able. Thank you 😊

Attendance

Last week in worship we were able to celebrate those children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance so far this term! We do understand that not every child can be in every day, but wherever possible we need children to be in every day and on time to make sure that they make the most of all the learning opportunities that come their way.



Reading

A reminder of how important it is to read with your child at home, their home reading book is a key tool in helping to practise and improve reading skills. Please remember to note in your child's reading diary when you have read and which pages; this is a great way of keeping in touch with your child's teacher.

We are running a competition to help engage children to read at home. When a child reads at home 10 times and their diary is signed by an adult, they will be rewarded with a 'Golden Ticket.' All 'Golden Tickets' will go into a draw to win a Kindle.

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Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust

A reminder that there are two meetings on Monday 15th November at 1:30pm in St Matthew's Church and then also at 6:00pm in the school hall for you to come along and find out more about why the Governors think this is a good idea for our school and to ask the questions that you may have. Please contact the school office to let us know if you will be attending.



You can also visit the website that Cidari have set up [St Matthew's CE Primary School - Raised Q & A's \(google.com\)](#) to ask any questions that you may have and to read ones that have already been asked.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The challenges of the last year and a half have underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

Although cases of bullying are rare at our school, we want to do all we can to promote the positive messages of kindness, harmony and mutual respect that are so important and that align with our own school values, including Compassion, Community & Respect. We all need to remember the power of words and the positive impact that 'One Kind Word' can have on someone's life.

Prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you that you value each one of us.
Please help us to treat others with respect.
Help us to embrace the differences between us.
Help us to love others, even if they are very different from us.
Help us to see the value in each individual person.
Amen*



Key dates for the term:

15th-18th November – Anti Bullying Week

15th November – Governors Consultation Meeting with Parents / Carers 1:30pm in St Matthew's Church and 6:00 pm in the School Hall.

19th November Children in Need Day

26th November - end of Governors' consultation period regarding conversion.

10th December School Choir at Preston Market (note change of date!)

8th/9th December – Nativity Play (details to follow)

17th December 2:00pm – School closes for Christmas Holiday

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