



NEWSLETTER 10 – 28th November 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to this latest edition of the newsletter. The weather is definitely much colder and we are very much in late Autumn / early winter; in spite of this we are still seeing one or two children not coming in a coat to school. Can we remind you that unless the weather is dreadful, we always try to get the children outside at break times to get some much needed fresh air!

Admissions Consultation

Can I remind you that this is still live on our website and your views are important.

Every 7 years, schools are required to publicly consult on their admissions criteria which are used to sort applications in the event that there are more applicants than places available - we are glad that we need to use our criteria every year!

We are now consulting on our admissions criteria for entry in 2025 and we are proposing a much simpler set of criteria than we have now. You can see the proposed policy on our website here <https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/key-information/admissions/consultation-on-proposed-new-admissions-criteria-for-entry-to-school-september-2025> On the page there is a link to a Google Form to give your feedback. The consultation closes on the 12th January 2024.

Parents' Consultation

This is this afternoon and early evening. You should have received your appointment time, please come to the main entrance on New Hall Lane.

Advent & Christmas

As I am sure you are aware, this coming Sunday sees the start of Advent in the Christian Church, the time of preparing for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Part of the tradition for schools is the presentation of the Nativity story and this year Key Stage 1 are performing **Hooray In A Manger** on **Friday 8th November**. Reception classes will be performing **We Are Going On A Baby Hunt** on **Monday 11th December**. Tickets will be limited due to the space available in the hall. Details have been sent out on Dojo regarding where to get the tickets and the timings of the performances. We look forward to seeing you there.

Salvation Army appeal.

This year, school are collecting items to pass onto the **Salvation Army**, who help many families in our community. We are collecting toiletries and Christmas food. If you are able to help, please send any items into school starting from tomorrow. Here are some suggestions as to what you may like to donate:

- shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, comb, toothpaste, moisturiser, etc.
- mince pies, shortbread, chocolate biscuits, selection boxes, fancy cakes, sweets, cheese biscuits, etc.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued kindness and generosity.

Job Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for staff to work to support children with additional needs at school. Details and application forms can be found here: <https://cidarieducation.co.uk/JoinTheTeam>

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

The Big Ambition



This is a survey being carried out by the Children's Commissioner and both yours and your children's views are important.

Click here to take part:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 17th November 2023

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Michael & Iqra	Areeba & PATrick
Y1	Faris & Ahmed	Sana & Maya
Y2	Mason & Harrison	Hajra & Noorun-Nisa
Y3	Muhammad Ali-N & Eric	Halima, all of 3H & Muhammad P
Y4	Kayden & Kasci	Hibah & Zainab
Y5	Ismail & Hania	Samuel & Irfan
Y6	Zoya & all of 6W	Zara & Katie

KS2 Maths	Anabia 5B - Children in need challenge winner
KS1 Maths Challenge	
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	5D were the winners with Adam H the most valuable player.
Numbots - KS1	Most improved: 1st - Harrison, 2nd - Alexia, 3rd - Nelly
Geography Challenge	

Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 24th November 2023

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Eva & Musa	Sharon & Fabian
Y1	Tasneem, Rayyan & Maya	Alessia & Zahra

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Y2	Maryam & Dominic	Geanina & Nelly
Y3	Kinza & Zainab	David & Lola
Y4	Lucas & Nicholas	Cosmin & Alisha
Y5	Freya & Marwah	Hamzah & Adam
Y6	Ramon & Aysha	Zaydan & Ibrahim

KS2 Maths Challenge	Kaydon (4C) reversed clocks time challenge
KS1 Maths Challenge	-
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	5B were the winners with Bobby 5B the most valuable player. This week's battle is between 3M & 5D
Numbots - KS1	Most improved: 1st - Alexia B, 2nd - Maryam, 3rd - Hajra
Geography Challenge	Bobby (5B) - guessed that the flag was from Nigeria

Attendance

Week ending 10th November:

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	93.43	9
Year 1	93.88	14
Year 2	93.73	15
Year 3	96.14	8
Year 4	96.77	10
Year 5	92.50	10
Year 6	92.03	19

Week ending 17th November:

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	88.78	11

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Year 1	94.39	22
Year 2	92.54	12
Year 3	94.86	12
Year 4	95.81	13
Year 5	96.33	7
Year 6	92.71	17

The number of children arriving late is a cause for concern. It is so important that children are at school on time and ready to start the day. Please make every effort to come on time.

Children should be at the correct gates between 8:45 am and 8:55 am ready to start.

Reflection

We have concluded our focus on the value of 'respect' this week by considering our respect and reverence for others. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was the focus for us as we considered how she placed a high value on all human life and dedicated hers to caring for those whom others felt were worthless. She gave an example of the importance of giving, no matter how small.

Prayer

The prayer of Mother Teresea:

Christ, let me see you in others.

Christ, let others see you in me.

Amen

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