



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER 10 – 30th January 2023

<p>★ Star of the week ★ W/E 13/1</p> <p>Reception Tasneem & David Year 1 Sapphire & Nelly Year 2 Lulia, Muhammad Ali & Justice Year 3 Eileen & TJ Year 4 Alveena & Iqra Year 5 Ramon & Abubakr Year 6 Hussain M & Aminah</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★ W/E 13/1</p> <p>Reception Cataleea & Musa Year 1 Fatima & 1S Year 2 Aaron & Amelia Year 3 Farhan & Sophia Year 4 Marwah & Sara Year 5 5B & Azmat Year 6 Declan & Alina</p>	<p>★ Attendance data ★ (W/e 13/1/2023)</p> <p>Punctuality Year 1</p> <p>Attendance Year 4</p> <p><i>Well done everybody!</i></p>
<p>★ Star of the week ★ W/E 20/1</p> <p>Reception Denis & Rayyan Year 1 Subhan & Maryam Year 2 Hasnain & Hlra Year 3 Nasir & Hiba Year 4 Rebeca & Hamzah Year 5 Danyaal, Muznah & Zoya Year 6 Muhammed & Ioana</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★ W/E 20/1</p> <p>Reception Brianne & Khadeejah Year 1 Maisha & Kiana Year 2 Areesha Ilyas Year 3 Farhan & Ammarah Year 4 Zain & 4S Year 5 Shareef & Ibrahim Year 6 Eda & Milan</p>	<p>★ Attendance data ★ (W/e 20/1/2023)</p> <p>Punctuality Year 5</p> <p>Attendance Year 4</p> <p><i>Well done everybody!</i></p>
<p>★ Star of the week ★ W/E 27/1</p> <p>Reception Dua & Ahmad Year 1 Dhruva & Kevin Year 2 Saad & Maria Year 3 Shahzain & Cosmin Year 4 All of Year 4! Year 5 Riley & Jessica Year 6 Eda & Aalia</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★ W/E 27/1</p> <p>Reception Amina & Zainab Year 1 Zainab & Mustafa Year 2 Humairah & Aden Year 3 Loreta and Sienna Year 4 All of Year 4! Year 5 Yasmin & Tommy Year 6 Umaiza & Lexi</p>	<p>★ ★</p> <p>Who will win this week?</p>
<p>Weekly attendance by year group:</p> <p>Attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great!</p> <p>Attendance below the target of 96% - a concern</p> <p>Attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.</p> <p><i>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</i></p>	<p>Previous attendance figures</p> <p>Reception 91.6%</p> <p>Year 1 87.7%</p> <p>Year 2 95.3%</p> <p>Year 3 92.6%</p> <p>Year 4 95.8%</p> <p>Year 5 94%</p> <p>Year 6 95.4%</p>	<p>Latest figures</p> <p>Reception 89.5%</p> <p>Year 1 87.8%</p> <p>Year 2 96.4%</p> <p>Year 3 95.8%</p> <p>Year 4 97.2%</p> <p>Year 5 93.4%</p> <p>Year 6 95%</p>

Fabulous attendance figures from Years 2, 3, 4 & 6
 All either Green or almost!
 Keep it up 😊

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

Maths Challenge - 13/1	Nabiyah (Y4) Worked out 50% off a tub of chocolates in the New Year Sale.
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Maths Challenge - 20/1	Ruh (Y6) and Mr Ward - worked out the price of the pizza in a 3 step challenge.
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TTRS	5R won the battle of the bands!
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Maths Challenge 27/1	Sienna (Y4) Chinese New Year - worked out that it was the Year of the Dragon in 2000.
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TTRS	6S won the battle of the bands!
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Dear all,

Welcome to the latest newsletter, we hope you find it useful. As always, please do get in touch with us if there is anything you need to know or want to share.



Well done Year 4!

Our wonderful Year 4 children were fantastic ambassadors for our school last week. We are part of a project which links two contrasting schools across Lancashire with each other and our children not only had a fabulous time at the Museum of Lancashire but their behaviour was exemplary and they were superb ambassadors - nothing less than we would expect of them and we are very proud!

End of the school day

A very big thank you to everyone who is working with us to make this work, we are safely dismissing over 400 children with their parents from both playgrounds in a little over 5 minutes which is tremendous. Sadly we do have a very small minority who are trying to work against the system and some have been unpleasant in their attitudes towards staff and some other parents; please work with us on this for the benefit of all.

New Hall Lane

I have received some very worrying reports that children and adults have been crossing New Hall Lane without using the crossing patrol. This is a very dangerous thing to do, please use the crossing, especially when our patrol is there as this is the safest way to cross.

A couple of years ago a school pupil suffered a very badly broken arm when he ran across the road near not using the crossing and was struck by a van. This was not only painful and distressing for him but also his family and all the people who witnessed it. We don't want to see anyone hurt, please use the crossing, thank you.

Reading Challenge!

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At St Matthew's we value the importance of reading. As a child grows up, **being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts and to learn at school, but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities.** Research shows children who read for pleasure will achieve more than those that don't in later life.

To encourage the children to read at home we have relaunched our reading challenge; children can now collect a **'Golden Ticket'** for every 10 times they read. Please sign your child's reading diary to show us they have read. All tickets will go into a prize draw to win a Kindle at the end of term.

Reflection & Prayer

In worship this week, we completed our series of worships on 'be the change you want to see in the world'. We considered the story of the Buddha's birthday party and how this links with the naming of each Chinese New Year. The lesson was that he repaid the animals for their kindness - how can we be generous with everyone around us? Can we be generous with our time, our kindness and our gifts?

Dear God

Thank you for the people who are a part of our lives – our family, our friends and our school community.

May our generosity make them feel special today.

Help us, we pray.

Amen



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