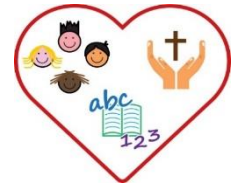


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER 11 – 22nd November 2021

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

Star of the week!	Values Award	Best attendance:																											
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Numbots / TTRS: TTRS – Most Improved was Erdi Murseli and Best Score was Eda Murseli! Numbots- Highest score was Rowan Porter																													

Attendance – well done everyone, no red highlights in the latest data! Let's try to get more greens 😊

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the latest newsletter. I hope you are finding it useful? We are aware of the large number of different languages spoke in school and want to make this letter as accessible as possible, hence putting it on Dojo to enable many to use the auto translate facility. We are also aware that not all languages are covered. It has been suggested that we look into producing an audio version for people to listen to as we know that services such as Google Translate can be used to listen and translate.

I am having a look into this and if it is straightforward to achieve then we will have a go!

M Mackley

Nativity

Please note that we have moved the dates of the Nativity to the last week of term. The Infant staff have asked for more time to prepare the children to give them every opportunity to put on a good show!

Due to the challenges that are still around regarding Covid we are having to limit tickets to a maximum of 60 per performance and it will have to be **one** ticket **per** family. Further details will be sent out nearer the time of the performance.

Pantomime



On Tuesday 14th December, M&M productions are once again coming to school to perform a Christmas Pantomime for us. We had to book this last year in order to secure the date as they are a very popular touring company. We are grateful that the PTFA have agreed to heavily subsidise this event and are we are asking for voluntary donations of £1 per family to help cover the rest of the costs. Due to on-going Covid restrictions, the juniors will watch the play in the hall and the infants will have it live streamed into their classrooms.

Bikeability

Year 5 have successfully completed their Bikeability course. From different starting points, all children showed determination, perseverance and courage to ride their bikes. Some of the children remained on the playground in school where they built up their confidence to ride, whereas some more advanced riders were taken out on the streets nearby to school. The instructors were full of praise for the children's enthusiasm, listening skills and excellent behaviour. All children will receive their certificates and booklets in school this week.



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/>

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Community friends

Last week, a friend of Mrs Bryden's, donated many plants for the winter plant troughs in the yards. The children in our Nurture group enjoyed planting them with Miss Cothliffe. Some of the children in Year 5 have made Keith some cards of thanks and were pleased with how colourful the planters now look.



School Uniform

Please can we remind everyone that trainers are not part of the school uniform, black shoes only please. Also, earrings should only be of the stud type and must be removed at home on days where the children are undertaking PE. Thank you 😊



Children In Need Day

Thank you everyone for your tremendous support – school was a blaze of colour on Friday and all the money you generously donated has gone to Children in Need to support their fantastic work. Thanks again to Miss Harling and the School Council for their work in preparing for the day.

Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust

A final reminder that consultation period ends this coming Friday, 26th November at 4pm. If you would like to ask a question you can either visit the website that Cidari have set up [St Matthew's CE Primary School - Raised Q & A's \(google.com\)](http://St-Matthews-CE-Primary-School-Raised-Q-A's) to ask any questions that you may have, and to read ones that have already been asked. Alternatively you can send questions in via the school office.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

Last week we marked anti-bullying week and played our part in raising much needed funds for Children in Need. Yet every time we turn on the news or look around us, we often see anger and hurt and challenge. This half term we are focusing on our school value of Respect, so this prayer from a child is to help us all to remember to be respectful of others in all we do.

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Prayer:

Dear God,

Please help us to treat other people how we would like to be treated ourselves.

Help us to be respectful to our teachers and friends by listening to them when they are talking.

We must respect our lovely planet by protecting animals and not cutting down trees.

We are all different so help us to respect other people's beliefs.

Amen



Key dates for the term:

26th Nov - end of Governors' consultation period regarding possible Academy conversion.

29th Nov – 3rd Dec – 'Harmony' Week in school, looking at how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas.

6th & 7th Dec - PTFA Cinema Evenings, school hall

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

10th Dec - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch

13th & 15th Dec – Nativity Play **please note change of dates**

14th Dec – Panto in school hall (pm)

15th Dec – attendance party for those with 99%+ attendance and late on no more than 2 occasions.

16th Dec – Rec/KS1 visit to Christmas Experience at St Stephen's Church. Thank you to St Matthew's Church for arranging transport.

16th Dec – KS2 Christmas Lunch

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



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