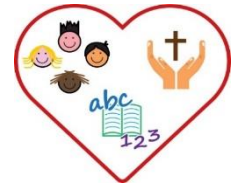


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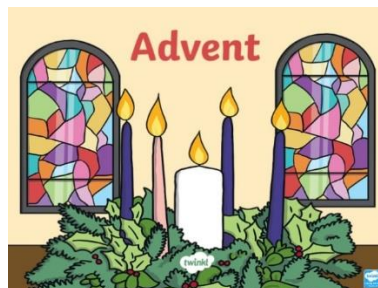
"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



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

<p>★ Star of the week! ★</p> <p>Reception Dominic & Mathias Year 1 David & Yasmina Year 2 Aiman & Angela Year 3 Hania & Arees Year 4 Kourtney & Maaidah Year 5 Andrei & Stefan Year 6 Daria & Salahuddin</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★</p> <p>Reception Fatima & Shazain Year 1 Hira & Amelia Year 2 Adam & Nasir Year 3 Madiha & Leila Year 4 Lilly & Muznah Year 5 Lexi & Eman Year 6 Maryam & Momina</p>	<p>★ Best attendance: ★</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Best punctuality:</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p><i>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</i></p>																											
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<p>KS2 Maths Challenge: M.Hasnain 6W – totalling how much was collected for Children in Need (fictitiously) from donations and a cake sale.</p> <p>Numbots / TTRS:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <p>TTRS – Fastest player was Marwa Khalil; Most improved was Abdul Hadi</p> <p>Numbots- Most correct answers was Meerab Tahir</p> </div> <p>6W won the TTRS challenge this week – the competition between classes is fantastic!</p>																													



Dear Parents/Carers,

Around the world Christians are now beginning the preparations to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and as a school we are also marking this important part of the life of the church. We are beginning this with a 'Harmony Week' in school where each year group is looking at how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world; we have selected countries that are represented by families in our school so that children may be able to recognise some of the things that are shared and will be able to contribute their own experiences too.

Nativity

Following last week's announcement that the infant staff had requested to move the Nativity from its original published dates of 8th & 9th December we are, sadly, having to move them again in case the strike action being called for by the NEU does go ahead. We apologise for any inconvenience this is causing. The new dates are now Friday 10th Dec (12:45pm) and Monday 13th Dec (10am).

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

This event is currently still scheduled to go ahead but is subject to change, dependent upon whether or not the NEU actually carry out their threat of strike action on that date. We will keep parents/carers informed.



Online Prayer Space

Year 6 have set up an online digital prayer space which has already had several contributions from children in school. Please visit the blog on our website here [New Digital Prayer Space! | St Matthew's Church of England Primary School and Nursery \(st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/new-digital-prayer-space) to read and maybe contribute.

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/>

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 again everyone for your tremendous support – we raised £222.40!

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Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust

Further to the letter that came from the Governing Body last Friday, the extended consultation period has now closed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this and the Governors will soon meet to consider the evidence and make their final decision on whether to proceed or not.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

As we move into the season of Advent and our 'Harmony Week' let us all pause and consider how our actions impact on the lives of others and how we are one worldwide human family with responsibility to care for one another.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the variety of races and cultures within our St Matthew's community. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across. And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one community, with many stories.

We ask this prayer in Jesus' name

Amen.



Key dates for the term:

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 **please note change of date**

10th Dec - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch

13th Dec – KS2 Christmas Lunch **please note change of date**

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.

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



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