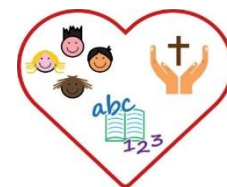


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



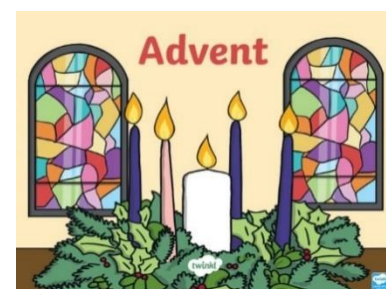
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Our PSHE focus this half term is **Being in Harmony** and our School Value focus is **Respect**

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| <div>★</div> <div>Star of the week!</div> <div>★</div>   | <div>★</div> <div>Values Award</div> <div>★</div>  | <div>★</div> <div>Best attendance:</div> <div>★</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>Best punctuality:</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</div>                      |  |
| <div>Reception</div> <div>Mehrunnisa &amp; Ayat</div> <div>Year 1</div> <div>David &amp; Mia</div> <div>Year 2</div> <div>Abdullah &amp; Haniyah</div> <div>Year 3</div> <div>Sienna &amp; Nabiha</div> <div>Year 4</div> <div>Shareef &amp; Azaan</div> <div>Year 5</div> <div>Ibrahim &amp; Lara</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>Ayesha &amp; Kaif</div>  | <div>Reception</div> <div>Lola &amp; Zahrah</div> <div>Year 1</div> <div>Leo &amp; Humairah</div> <div>Year 2</div> <div>Abdul-Haadi &amp; Dora</div> <div>Year 3</div> <div>Rebeca &amp; Amna</div> <div>Year 4</div> <div>Lawi &amp; Umamah</div> <div>Year 5</div> <div>Nabiyah &amp; all 5B</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>Humayd &amp; all 6S</div> | <div>Previous attendance figures</div> <div>91.9%</div> <div>94.4%</div> <div>92.7%</div> <div>95.5%</div> <div>92.5%</div> <div>93.3%</div> <div>95.8%</div> <div>93.7%</div> <div>Whole school total</div> | <div>Latest Attendance figures</div> <div>88.9%</div> <div>90.0%</div> <div>90.5%</div> <div>95.0%</div> <div>90.8%</div> <div>92.7%</div> <div>95.5%</div> <div>92.0%</div> |
| <div>Weekly attendance by year group:</div> <div>Green</div> <div>—attendance of 96% or better (Government target) - great!</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>—attendance below the target of 96% - a concern</div> <div>Red</div> <div>—attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.</div>  |  |  |  |
| <div>KS2 Maths Challenge:</div> <div>Mahnoor, 5B – Advent Challenge – the answer was 325 chocolates would be eaten up until Christmas Day.</div> <div>Numbots / TTRS:</div> <div><div><div>NUMBOTS</div><div><div>TTRS</div></div></div><div>TTRS – Highest score – Mahnoor Shaukat; Most Improved – Khadijah Vally</div><div>Numbots- Most correct answers was Usman Omer</div><div>5B won the TTRS challenge this week – the competition between classes is fantastic!</div></div> |  |  |  |

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we had our 'Harmony Week' in school where each class looked at how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world. The countries chosen were ones which are represented in our school family and it was great to see and hear of children able to share from their own cultures in ways to help further develop peace and understanding. We hope to be able to share some evidence of the work that was done before the end of term.



## Events to the end of term



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: PTFA Cinema night (TICKET ONLY)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Jumper Day, donations for foodbank please; Infant children Christmas lunch; Nativity performance 1:45 (TICKET ONLY!); Choir singing at Preston Market (afternoon); PTFA Cinema night (TICKET ONLY)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: Carols & Half termly achiever worship for Junior children; Nativity performance 10am (TICKET ONLY); Junior children Christmas Lunch; Junior children Christmas parties (afternoon)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: Carols & Half-termly achiever worship for Infant children; Infant children Christmas parties (morning). Food market in church , 1-2pm; school closes for Christmas.

## Industrial Action

As you will be aware, the NEU have declared 5 days of strike action which are scheduled to take place 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of December. School will be closed to all children on these days. Should the situation change you will be informed as soon as possible.

## Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

### **Reflection:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December is the feast day Saint Nicholas, better known by his more modern name of Santa Claus! In my worship this week I shared the story of Bishop Nicholas of Myra, in Turkey and how he gave away his whole fortune to help the needy of his parish. His story is an inspiration to us all to look to the needs of others first and to give gifts that make their lives better.

### **Prayer:**

God of joy and cheer,

we thank you for your servant,  
the good Bishop Nicholas.

In loving the poor,

he showed us your kindness;  
in caring for your children,  
he revealed your love.

Make us thoughtful

without need of reward  
so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus.

Amen.



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