



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

NEWSLETTER 13 – 9th February 2024

Well, that was a short half-term! The next one is a little longer and sees important times for both Christians and Muslims as it will see many marking Lent or Ramadan; both times of reflection and preparation for important festivals. If you are marking either one of them, I hope that it is a time of blessing for you. I note too that for our Hindu & Sikh families, Holi will be celebrated next half term and again we wish you every blessing as you celebrate.

We close today at the normal time of 3:15 for the February half-term break and re-open **Tuesday 20th February** at the normal times.

Hothersall Lodge

Y6 are very excited as when we come back after half term, they and members of staff (including Mr Mackley!) will be away from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd at Hothersall Lodge, undertaking a range of outdoor & adventurous activities which will not only challenge them but will also leave them with memories to last them a lifetime.

Attendance & Punctuality

A reminder that when the school bell rings at 8:55am we will be closing the gates as children should be in their classes at this time. Arriving late at school, especially on a regular basis puts your child at a disadvantage as they have a disrupted start to the day and can miss out on important information as well as making them feel uncomfortable at having to enter class when lessons have already begun.

School Gates

A big thank you to everyone who works with us to follow the one way system at the end of the day which is designed to keep everyone safe and help us to ensure that all children are collected safely. A growing number are trying to come through the exit gates or wait to the end, causing a blockage on the pavements.

Can we remind you to follow the one way system and to also not stand at the gate and shout at staff to send your child over to you. We do understand and appreciate that there are challenges with parking vehicles but please be aware that the one way system is in place to ensure we can keep people safe on the premises when collecting children. Thank you.

Measles

A reminder that cases are on the rise nationally and we encourage everyone to ensure that they are up to date with their vaccinations - please see Miss Young's post on Class Dojo for more information.

School Office

Please remember that we are now a 'cashless' office. Contact the school office for information on how to pay from now on.

Job Vacancies

To see our latest vacancies and also those at other Academies within Cidari please visit <https://cidarieducation.co.uk/JoinTheTeam>

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

Staffing

We look forward to welcoming Miss C Baines to our office team after half-term, working alongside Mrs Bajelany in the main office.

Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 26th January 2024

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Areeba & Hajra	Hannah & Sharzaib
Y1	Akim & Yusuf	Thea & Sofia
Y2	Alexia B & Fabritio	Subhan & Poppy
Y3	David I & Peran	Baksheesh & David N
Y4	Baqaruddin & Safa	Adam & Sirraaj
Y5	Sara & Imaan	5B & Sofia
Y6	Rumaisa & Zayn	Maaidah & Alina

KS2 Maths Challenge	Zainab (4CH) identified the imposter using her maths skills
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	3H - boys beat the girls, 3M - girls beat the boys! Hasnain (3H) most valuable player, boys and Muskan (3M) most valuable player, girls
Numbots (most improved players)	1st - Fatima (2G), 2nd - Rayyan (1SW), 3rd - Hajra
Geography Challenge	Yakub - 4C

Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 2nd February 2024

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Tjthomas & Musa	Muzhdah & Hajra
Y1	Layla & Maher	Darius & Dua
Y2	Kiarna & Noorun	Hanifat & M. Faiz
Y3	Sophie & Rania	M. Hussain & Amelia

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Y4	Sienna &Natan	Michael & Aiman
Y5	Sulayman & Hamzah	Umama & Hawwa
Y6	Inayah, Pola & Azaan	Ramon & Elissa-May

KS2 Maths Challenge	Hamzah 6W Shopping challenge - which is the better deal? How much do you save?
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	This week's competition is the Teachers V Y6!
Geography Challenge	Saad, 3M

Attendance

Week ending 2nd February 2024

A slight improvement on previous weeks, let's keep going after half term...

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	94.67%	12
Year 1	92.07%	10
Year 2	90.94%	4
Year 3	92.54%	11
Year 4	95.57%	10
Year 5	92.24%	7
Year 6	87.12%	45

Reflection

This week in my continuing telling of tales from the Bible from the book "Whistlestop Tales - around the world in 10 Bible stories" by Krish & Miriam Kandiah, I shared the story from the gospels of the Roman Centurion who started off somewhat bossy and unpleasant but after hearing Jesus preach what we now refer to as 'The Beatitudes' or the Sermon on the Mount, his life was changed and he not only put his trust in him but, as a result, changed the way he treated everyone else. He learnt to work to put right what he had done wrong and to seek forgiveness from those he had hurt.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of The Centurion, a man who had to learn to be humble and to realise he can't always command things to happen. Sometimes we have to simply trust & believe.

Help us to trust and believe in you, always.

Amen

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