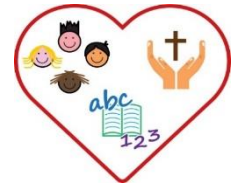


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"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



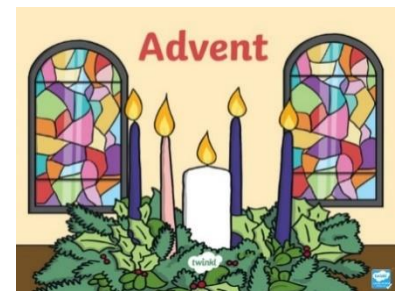
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Our PSHE focus this half term is **Being in Harmony** and our School Value focus is **Respect**

★ Star of the week! ★	★ Values Award ★	★ ★
Reception Zaviyar & Subhan Year 1 Baksheesh & Saad Year 2 Both classes! Year 3 Izaah & Juwairiyah Year 4 Danyaal & Azmat Year 5 Divine & Simra Year 6 Kacper & Krystal	Reception Rowan & Aayat Year 1 Mohammed M & Yusra Year 2 Lacey-Mai & Shazain Year 3 Ibrahim & Harshid Year 4 Zakiyah & Zayn Year 5 Saphy & Aizah Year 6 Nadiya & Jakob	Attendance Results will return next term.
KS2 Maths Challenge: Abubakr, 4C – Advent Challenge correctly counted the number of legs in the Nativity Scene!		

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we go into the last week of the Autumn Term I want to thank everyone for their co-operation and support this term. Like many schools it has been yet another challenge to deal with the various requirements and problems that arise from the continued presence of Covid. As I write this, the alert level has just been raised and we enter a further period of uncertainty. Rest assured we will continue to monitor the situation carefully and respond accordingly.



In spite of the restrictions in place, we have managed to host two performances of the Nativity and the school choir have been able to sing in the Market Place. Both events were a joy to watch and to see the happiness that they brought to the children and the adults present.

On behalf of everyone at St Matthew's may I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

Covid – Omicron

As I write this, we have moved to Level 4 and the Government have set a target for everyone to receive their booster vaccinations. The Vaccination Centre at St John's Shopping Centre are providing Walk-In Sessions for anyone who requires their booster.

Please note, if you are notified that you have the Omicron variant of Covid then you have to isolate. The isolation period for contacts of an Omicron case is 10 full days; if you are contacted by test and trace that you are a contact then you **must** isolate.

Your self-isolation period includes the day you were last in contact with the person who tested positive and the next 10 full days after that.

You may have to self-isolate for longer if you then test positive for Covid-19 while you are already isolating.

Events to the end of term



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

Friday 17th: 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

A reminder that school will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week due to the industrial action being undertaken by staff who are members of the NEU.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

In our world that expects instant results the time of advent is a good reminder that the best things in life are worth waiting for. 2000 years ago people were waiting for the Messiah to come, many did not recognise him. Today, we have all but lost the discipline of waiting; advent is an opportunity to learn to wait and to prepare.

Prayer:

*With expectant waiting
we anticipate your coming.
Come close to us, Lord,
come very close.*

*Come, Alpha and Omega,
who is from before the ages.
Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary,
who went down to Nazareth to be obedient to them.*



*Come, Morning Star,
who named the stars.
Come, carpenter from Nazareth,
who knows the smell of planed wood.*

*Come, Beloved Son of God,
who knows the heart of God.
Come, Son of Man,
who knows the hearts of God's people.*

*Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace.
Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun.
Come, Wonderful Counsellor.
Come Emmanuel, God with us;
God very close to us. Amen.*

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