



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

NEWSLETTER 15 – 22nd March 2024

Hello everyone, welcome to this latest newsletter of the Spring Term! We break up next Thursday at 2pm (please be on time so that your child is not the one left on their own waiting) and re-open on Monday 15th April at the normal time.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that this takes place next Wednesday, 27th March and appointments have already been sent out - if you haven't yet received one and you think you should have, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

Class Dojo

A reminder that you only need to download the free version, please do not pay to download as we do not use the additional features that it provides.

Parents as role models

We have fantastic relationships with our families and really value this as a school. We are all only human and from time to time we do experience behaviour which falls short of that which we as adults need to display for the children. Recently I have received reports of arguments and disagreements at the gates, in front of children which is both distressing for them and also not a good example. Please can we ask you to ensure that your conduct in front of the children remains positive.

We have also had some contact from local residents, especially on Delaware Street, that some of our parents who are waiting to collect children are sitting on or leaning on residents' cars. Please can we ask those who are doing this, not to do so.

Curriculum Review

Mrs Higgins, who leads PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) for St Matthew's is currently undertaking a review of the curriculum including the specific Relationships Education which we are required to deliver. This is the curriculum which was consulted on a few years ago and is from the Blackburn Diocese' approach which was discussed at the time with the Lancashire Council of Mosques.

We would like to invite you to visit our website to have a look at the materials <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum/pshe> Once you have read them, we would really like to hear from you via this Google Form <https://forms.gle/GJpkjLvQruXW2vSV6> so that we can collate all the responses together and provide further information should it be required.

MEASLES

A reminder that measles cases are on the rise and that this can be a very unpleasant and potentially very serious virus illness. The strong advice from the NHS & UKHSA is to ensure that your child has had the MMR; please contact your local health centre for more details.

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

Ear rings

A reminder that children should only wear the stud variety and that they need to be able to remove them by themselves for PE. Children should also **not** wear ear-rings which are high value or have sentimental value in case they get lost.

Local Governing Committee

We have vacancies for Parent Governors on our committee. If you are interested in this important, voluntary role, please visit <https://cidarieducation.co.uk/governance/AcademyLGCs> or contact Mr Mackley at school for a conversation about the role and what it entails.

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>

Staffing

We have made a successful appointment this week and will let you know the name of the person joining us in the school office once all the pre employment checks have been completed.

Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 15th Feb 2024

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Sharon & Elyf	Bareerah & Macie
Y1	Faris & Isa	Charlotte & Sofia
Y2	Harper & Lilly	Dhruva & Ellie
Y3	Amelia & Zayd	Lucas & Ivan
Y4	Marliss & Alisha	Ilyas, Joshua & Nasir
Y5	Samuel N & Juan	Ibrahim & reis
Y6	Halima & Iram	M Farok, Briony & Esha

KS2 Maths Challenge	Zayd - 3M
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	3M beat the teachers! Well done 3M.

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Numbots (most improved players)	
Geography Challenge	Theo in 2R correctly identified the object in the given grid reference.

Attendance

Week ending 8th March 2024-

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	91.8	10
Year 1	91.33	20
Year 2	95	9
Year 3	95.17	13
Year 4	93.61	14
Year 5	93.22	12
Year 6	94.92	26

A special mention to the morning Nursery children as their attendance was 97.14% Brilliant!

Reflection

This week we returned to Whistlestop Tales and heard the story of Lydia, a Greek fabric merchant who seemingly had it all but had to learn that there was more to life than being rich. Through meeting St Paul & St Silas, she learnt of the life of Jesus and how He had transformed their lives and could the same for hers. She then devoted her time to sharing with others and looking to their needs instead of her own.

Prayer

Thankyou for the story of Lydia and how you changed her life for the better. Thankyou for people like Paul and Silas who put their trust completely in you and were always prepared to put others before themselves.

Help us to be selfless like them and to seek daily to serve others and help them the best that we can.

Amen.

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