



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER 16 – 28th March 2024

Welcome to this, the last newsletter of the Spring Term! Thank you, as always, for the support and cooperation you give to all we do here at St Matthew's - education works best when the school and families are able to collaborate in helping the children to learn.

For those who celebrate Easter, can we wish you all a very Happy Easter as you join with Christians around the world celebrating the rising of Jesus from the dead. Not only that, an early Eid Mubarak to all who will be celebrating Eid Ul-Fitr the week after next.

A reminder that we **close at 2:00pm tomorrow** and we **re-open on Monday 15th April at 8:45am** for the start of the Summer Term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along this evening, we hope that you found it a worthwhile and helpful experience - we always appreciate the time and opportunity to meet with you to share how your child(ren) is (are) doing and what more can be done to make things even better!

Curriculum Review

A reminder about this very important review of our curriculum.

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.

School Uniform

Recently we have noticed a lot of children not coming to school in the correct uniform. Please note that trainers are **only** to be worn on PE days; on all other days the children should be wearing plain black shoes. The same goes for leggings/joggers, these are only to be worn on PE days and on all other days the correct uniform **must** be worn.

Please also note that Hijabs should be plain black and not overly long, none should have decorations on them.

For further information please visit <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform> where you can see pictures of the correct uniform and the approved suppliers.

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

The Great Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt!

We have been asked by Fairtrade Preston to share this event with you.

Preston has been recognised as a Fairtrade City for 20 years. To celebrate, come and join our great Fairtrade Easter Egg hunt and win some Fairtrade chocolate.

There are 15 knitted Easter eggs located at different businesses in the city centre - all businesses that support Fairtrade. A knitted egg will be on display at each of these - either visible from outside in the window or inside in the counter area. Each egg will display a letter.

First collect a map/entry form from the Library in the Guild Hall or from one of the following: Oxfam, Lush, Holland & Barrett, Waterstones, Body Shop.

Then write the letter found at each location on your entry form.

When you have found all the letters, use them to find the hidden word(s). Finally leave your completed form at the Library and wait to hear if you have won some tasty Fairtrade chocolate.

You can do this any time between Saturday 30th March and Saturday 13th April. Have a Happy Fairtrade Easter!

Fairtrade is about better prices, working conditions and fair terms of trade for the people who grow the products we love (coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas). It also ensures high environmental standards - all guaranteed by the Fairtrade Mark. Fairtrade products exploit neither the environment nor the people who produce them and buying them has a direct impact on the lives and well being of producers and their communities. www.fairtrade.org.uk Fairtrade Preston, fairpreston@gmail.com, 07813 870641

Requests for letters / information

From time to time we receive requests from parents for information to support applications. Please remember that the school office is a very busy place and it is very difficult to meet such requests at short notice; wherever possible please give us between 3 & 5 working days' notice. Thank you.

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>

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Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 22nd March 2024

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Albert & Patrick	Bareerah & Shafay
Y1	Leo & Anthony	Ayaan & Feyza
Y2	Kiana & Shazain	Maryam & eileen
Y3	Baksheesh & Yusra	Maria & ADen
Y4	Emse & Ellie	Esme, Ranveer, Sienna & Jayden
Y5	Hamzah & Amna	Freya & Alexandra
Y6	Saif, Zara & Alina	Jessica & Zayn

Times Table Rockstars - KS2	6R beat 6W and Daniel was the most valuable player!
Numbots (most improved players)	Most improved players were Joshua, Anthony & Zahra in 1SW
Geography Challenge	Abubakr A correctly solved the challenge.

Attendance

Week ending 15th March 2024-

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	91.5	8
Year 1	94	14
Year 2	96.33	11
Year 3	94.33	9
Year 4	93.28	10
Year 5	93.04	14
Year 6	91.36	24

Great that everyone's attendance was better than 90%, let's see if next term we can regularly get everyone 95% or better. Year 6, your late arrivals are very worrying, you need to get that sorted ready for High School!

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Reflection

Our final tale this week was that of The Sudanese Senator who made a splash! We heard the story of the grand and important senator who was snubbed by the temple guard but met a disciple on the way home who shared the story of Jesus with him and had his life transformed. He had to learn that however grand you may be, we are all the same and all equally loved by God and that all are welcome.

Prayer

Thank you for your Holy Words which were given to teach us about you, how much you love us and how you want us to live.

We remember servants such as the young girl and Philip who listened to you and did your bidding.

Help us to listen and to answer the call to help others, whenever that may be.

Amen.

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