



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## NEWSLETTER 17 – 3rd May 2024

Hello everyone, here we are in the Summer Term and slightly better weather is finally with us... I can't believe we are three weeks in already!

This coming weekend sees a Bank Holiday and school will be **closed** on Monday 6th May, re-opening on Tuesday 7th May at the normal time.

Can we wish all our Eastern Orthodox Church families a very Happy Easter for this weekend when you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Please read on as there are some very important things for you to be aware of.

### School Uniform

As we put on our last newsletter, we are checking up on uniform more and children may come home telling you they have been challenged about their uniform. We have a clear uniform expectation which can be found on the website, complete with pictures to guide you: <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>.

Can we remind you that 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. For those in Y6, this is good practice for the Autumn Term when they transfer to High School where uniform policies are very strict.

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

### Volunteer Readers

If you are interested in volunteering to become a volunteer reader in school, please let us know as Lancashire are providing some free training sessions to help you to be an effective volunteer.

### Local Governing Committee

We still have vacancies for parents and local community members to serve our school. The commitment isn't excessive and you make a really positive contribution of the life of the school. Please get in touch if you think you might be interested or you would like to find out more.

### Traffic Around School

We had a visit this week from a Road Safety Office from Lancashire County Council as they have been made aware of the volume of traffic on Derby Square at the beginning and end of the day.

Please can we once again encourage you to walk to school wherever possible and only to bring your car along Derby Square if your child has a mobility issue - the area is very busy with children and pedestrians at these times and we all want to avoid accidents which may result in serious injury to a member of our school family.

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

## Adults as role models.

We are delighted that we have really positive and productive relations with the vast majority of our families which is for the benefit of the children.

Sadly, from time to time staff have been on the receiving end of abusive behaviour by parents. You will appreciate that we cannot tolerate this and I will not hesitate in taking action against anyone who behaves in such a manner. Thank you for your continuing support.

This also applies to the school gates, please respect the one way system and keep exit gates clear for people to move through by trying to enter via the exit you actually slow it down for everyone.

## Job Vacancies

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

## Star Writers & Half-term Achievers Awards - week ending 28th March 2024

Year	Star Writers	Half-term Achievers
Rec	Azlan & Patrick	Rameen & Elyf
Y1	Akim & Hafsa	Amina & Joshua
Y2	Ruhan & Maisha	Alexia B & Zainab
Y3	Maria & Ayesha	Ibtesam & Lola
Y4	Meerab & Farhan	Sophia & Nicolas
Y5	Freya	Umama
Y6	Abubakr M & Maria	Danyaal & Zayn

Times Table Rockstars - KS2	3H & Maaz was the most valuable player
Geography Challenge	Joshua from Y4 correctly worked out that there are 48 countries in Asia

**The winner of the Reading Golden Ticket was Patrick from Reception!**

## Stars of the Week & Values Award - week ending 19th April 2024

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Khubaib & Saleem	Anete & Hadiya

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Y1	Amina & Mahammad K	Safa & Ivy-Rae
Y2	Subhan & Haniya	Yana & Maria
Y3	Amardeep & David	Hasnain & Zakariya
Y4	Marliss & Anas	sophia & Safa
Y5	Aizah & Harshid	Sienna & Juwairiyah
Y6	Riley & Sofia	Zakiya & Umamah

Geography Challenge	Saad, Y3 correctly identified the country as Northern Ireland
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## Attendance

Week ending 29th March

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	89.41	12
Year 1	92.58	10
Year 2	92.62	7
Year 3	95	10
Year 4	95.63	11
Year 5	95	8
Year 6	89.19	6

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

Year	Star of the Week	Values Award
Rec	Trinity & Hoorain	Amyra & Hamdan
Y1	Anaya & Dua	Sana & Evana
Y2	Ocean & Dominic	Ruhan & Harrison
Y3	Usman & Uzair	Justice & Taye

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<b>Y4</b>	TJ & Maya	4c & Aaminah
<b>Y5</b>	Iqra & Michael	Leial & Safa
<b>Y6</b>	Keira & Esha	Zoya & Kourtney

Times Table Rockstars - KS2	3H were the winners this week, Hasnian the most valuable player! Next battle - 5B v 5D
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Reception	92.03	11
Year 1	94.92	6
Year 2	90.82	8
Year 3	97.83	7
Year 4	95.5	6
Year 5	88	8
Year 6	93.3	4

## Reflection

This week in our worship we looked at what happened after the resurrection of Jesus. The disciples and other followers were left with a feeling of 'What next?' as he hadn't yet appeared to everyone; we also considered the likes of Thomas who would only believe if he could see for himself. Faith is such a challenge for many people, believing in the seemingly unbelievable; that is the very nature of faith isn't it?

## Prayer

Loving Lord, thank you for the way you cared for your first disciples and how you showed them the way to trust you as they served you. Help and guide each one of us, this day and every day that we may serve you and each other the way we should.

**Amen.**

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