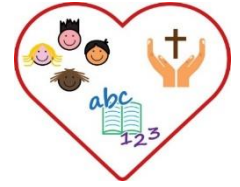


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER 18 – 24th January 2022

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Aspire to be...** and our School Value focus is **Hope**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the latest newsletter, as always this is available via Class Dojo or the School Website. If you know of someone who is struggling to access it this way, please let us know so that we can try and ensure the newsletter gets to them.

Whilst the school is partially closed during January we will not be publishing the weekly attendance information

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Walton'.

Covid:

Whilst we are happy that the peak of the latest variant appears to be passing and that restrictions are also being reduced, we are also aware that there remains considerable concern about the rates locally and so we continue to ask all visitors to school to wear a mask and exercise the usual precautions.

Extended Leave / Holidays:

A reminder that anyone wishing to take their children out of school for an extended period of absence must meet with either Mr Mackley or Mrs Walton to discuss their request. There have been some recent requests for periods of absence that are very concerning with regard to the amount of time being requested.



The proposed holiday pattern for the next school academic year is currently being drawn up and will be published very soon.

Industrial Action:

The remaining planned strike days by the NEU are as follows:

Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th January.

Year 6 will continue to attend but we have to remain closed to the rest of the school as we do not have sufficient non-striking staff to be able to invite any other children in.

Those families that have applied for and are eligible for Free School Meals, we are anticipating that we can now provide vouchers from school to cover the strike days. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals and wish to apply, please follow this link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=1>

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection



Reflection:

In our worship this week we are thinking about our Hopes and Dreams for the future. Mr Mackley is sharing a traditional tale about three trees who had great hopes but who ended being used in far different ways than they imagined and served God through how they were used. We are encouraged to dream but also to recognise that each one of us can be a blessing to others through even the smallest of acts.

Prayer:

In your journeys to and fro,

God direct you;

In your happiness and pleasure,

God bless you;

In care, anxiety or trouble,

God sustain you;

In peril and danger,

God protect you.

Amen.

Events this term

~~Monday 24th Jan – Governors' Resources Committee~~ Rescheduled for 7th February

Friday 28th Jan – Multi-Cultural Book Day

Tuesday 1st Feb – St Matthew's converts to Academy Status with Cidari MAT.

Tuesday 1st to Tuesday 8th Feb – Reception Class 'Go Velo' bike ability.

Wednesday 2nd Feb – Miss Smith with pupils attending Diocesan RE conference

Monday 7th Feb – Y2 & Y3 Fire Safety talk

14th to 18th Feb – Half Term week.

Monday 21st Feb – school reopens. Governors' Curriculum and Standards Committee

Tuesday 1st March – Shrove Tuesday!

Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th March – Y6 trip to Hothersall Lodge.

Monday 14th March – Governors' Full Committee meeting

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day.

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March – Easter Pause Events.

Friday 1st April – school closes for Easter.

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